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Tree Topping Agreements Meet Tough Opposition

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Tree cutting on private property in Stanhope to facilitate a new runway isn't going over very well at all.

Algonquin Highlands is forging ahead with airport expansion plans despite the fact that they have yet to receive confirmation from Industry Canada on what types of environmental assessments will be required.

As promised, Reeve Eleanor Harrison and CAO Lorne Mitchell have started negotiations with private property owners at the southeast end of the proposed runway where tree cutting is necessary to ensure a safe approach, but they may not get the results they are hoping for.

The really hard thing to swallow is that they are asking those affected to sign an agreement that in no way spells out what their long term requirements are or what the impact will be. At least two of the three immediately affected property owners are not prepared to sign anything at the moment.

George and Sylvia Claridge will not say that pressure has been applied to get them to sign an agreement with the

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**New Website
For Affected
Residents**

Private Lands in Haliburton Safe from Staking....for Now

"The fact that mineral rights remain in the Crown's name leaves me questioning the process."

Last Thursday the Ontario Government finally tabled changes to their antiquated Mining Act which are getting very mixed reactions. While there is considerable emphasis on protection for aboriginal communities, and land owners in southern Ontario will no longer have to fear prospectors staking claims on their land, people in the County who have fought long and hard to see true change are still armed and ready to fight for further modifications to the Act.

The government started a formal process to review the Act last summer when First Nations communities and residents in southern Ontario raised the roof about claim staking and mineral exploration on their lands that were taking place without their consent. According to Anne-Marie Flanagan (from the office of the Minister of Northern Development and Mines) the consultation process included participation of more than 1,000 groups and individuals and over 100 First Nation communities and aboriginal organizations.

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Minden Library Furniture on its Way

"We looked at an interior that would serve the community for many years to come." (Jim Fox)

Last week the Minden Hills Council passed a resolution approving an expenditure of \$158,341 to cover the cost of furniture for the new library. Despite there being no allowance in the budget for the furniture, Council decided to go ahead with the purchase to ensure that the library is ready to open its doors during the sesquicentennial celebrations in August. While they had little choice at this juncture, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that the Committee's fund raising activities would help reduce this unbudgeted expense over time.

Several members of the Library Committee, including Elly Malcomson and Jim Fox, were present to respond to any questions that Council might have. Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that both Malcomson and Fox had worked tirelessly on the library. (Fox is a retired 'library interior' consultant who has offered his services to ensure that everything that is needed will be in place when the doors open.)

According to Murdoch, a bottom line figure of approximately \$100,000 is what it will actually take to furnish the library. She said that takes into account the exemption from taxes, \$20,000 already committed through fund raising and a \$9,000 credit from the library contractor Ross Clair

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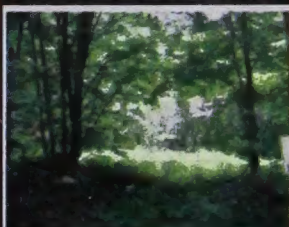
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Here Come the Lawyers!

Property Owners Association Takes Legal Action Against Algonquin Highlands

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) have decided to take legal action in an effort to stop the Stanhope Airport expansion project.

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

MBC has been working hard to see that the multi-million dollar project to develop a new runway at this small community airport receives a full environmental assessment and public consultation process. A chief reason for their activism has been what the MBC sees as the absence of open consultation with the Algonquin Highlands ratepayers.

According to Paul MacInnes, MBC's President, they are particularly concerned right now that the Algonquin Highlands Council may commit itself and its ratepayers irretrievably to contractual and financial obligations that they will be unable to meet, thus putting taxpayers' money at serious risk.

To that end the association has retained the services of Rodney Northey, a nationally renowned environmental lawyer and partner in the firm of Fogler, Rubinoff LLP. Northey filed papers with Algonquin Highlands on Wednesday, in advance of the Council meeting scheduled for Thursday morning.

Northey said, "Algonquin Highlands would be well advised to be sure they understand the full range of environmental laws before signing any construction contracts."

The tenders for the runway project were opened last Friday and Council is expected to discuss them today (Thursday, May 7th), and may well give the go ahead to the Reeve and CAO to sign the contracts, which would technically allow construction to proceed.

MacInnes and his members believe that, because of pending environmental assessments (and other issues), there could be a considerable delay before construction will be allowed to go ahead, which could result in substantial penalties. He said, "It is the association's sincere hope that by receipt of our letter, the Council will delay signing any contracts."

Northey has gained a national reputation as an environmental lawyer with extensive experience in over 35 precedent-setting environmental legal decisions and has been named as one of Canada's best lawyers in environmental law. In his 20th year of private practice, Northey devotes his time exclusively to environmental approvals, assessment and planning. He has provided environmental assessment advice to public,

private, aboriginal and not-for-profit groups on projects in all of the provinces and territories.

MacInnes commented that, "We've done this as quickly as we have and at this particular point in time as we are very concerned the Council will sign a contract they won't be able to fulfill and there will be costs and ramifications to the taxpayers."

"There is no shortage of things that haven't been done properly. The initial application to Building Canada contains a number of inaccuracies."

MacInnes referred to the Algonquin Highlands' submission to Building Canada that claimed the project had "wide spread community support."

MacInnes also referred to the requirements for the stormwater pond, suggesting that it is being done in a rush. He also said that the land owners who just over the last few weeks discovered that their trees are to be cut, should have been consulted well before the application was submitted to Building Canada.

"We're simply saying to them - don't sign any contracts that obligate the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands to any more financial penalties until you have cleared these hurdles. There are an awful lot of obstacles that Council will have to deal with before they start construction."

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"Don't commit us to something that you can't live up to." (Paul MacInnes)



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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

For the past several weeks, Grades 4–8 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) have been working hard to get everything just right for their time in the spotlight.

Yesterday evening, the students who make up the cast of the production "OZ!" put on their first show of two at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

And yes, if you haven't seen it yet, the show is an adaptation of the 1939 American musical-fantasy film *The Wizard of Oz*.

So come on out tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. for the final show where you'll see Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow, the Wicked Witch of the West, the munchkins and more.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the JDHES office or at the door. ■

THURSDAY



Afternoon showers and possibly a few t-storms

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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



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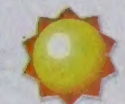
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy and seasonably cool

▲ 11° ▼ 3°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny and warmer

▲ 15° ▼ 4°

TUESDAY



Partly sunny and pleasant

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WEDNESDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 17° ▼ 8°

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Acapulco	32/23/pc	31/24/su	33/24/su	Montego Bay	31/26/sh	31/24/sh	30/24/pc
Antigua	30/24/ts	31/24/sh	29/24/cl	Nassau	29/22/ts	29/23/su	28/24/su
Barbados	32/26/ts	31/26/pc	31/27/pc	Port au Prince	30/24/ts	31/26/ts	31/26/ts
Bermuda	26/20/sh	26/19/pc	26/21/cl	Puerto Vallarta	33/19/pc	35/19/pc	33/19/cl
Cancun	32/24/su	31/24/pc	30/24/su	St Thomas	29/23/ra	31/24/ts	29/24/pc
Curacao	31/26/ts	31/25/ts	31/25/cl	St. Maarten	29/23/ts	30/24/sh	29/26/dz
Freeport	29/23/ts	28/22/pc	29/24/dz	San Jose, CR	31/21/ts	30/20/ts	30/21/pc
Georgetown	32/26/ts	31/25/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/23/ra	31/24/ts	29/26/ra
Havana	32/23/pc	32/24/pc	32/24/cl	San Salvador	31/23/ts	31/24/ts	30/22/ts
Key West	31/23/pc	31/23/su	30/25/pc	Santo Domingo	29/23/ts	31/24/ts	30/24/ra
Kingston	32/21/sh	31/26/sh	32/30/dz	Trinidad	32/26/ts	32/26/pc	32/21/cl

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Oct	Friday Hi/Low/Oct	Saturday Hi/Low/Oct	Sunday Hi/Low/Oct	Monday Hi/Low/Oct	Tuesday Hi/Low/Oct	Wednesday Hi/Low/Oct
Bancroft	16/8/ts	13/4/sh	9/3/sh	10/3/pc	14/4/su	16/6/pc	17/7/ts
Barrie	17/8/ts	14/6/sh	10/4/sh	11/3/pc	16/4/su	16/6/pc	18/9/ts
Dorset	16/7/ts	13/4/sh	8/3/sh	10/2/pc	14/4/su	16/6/pc	17/7/ts
Haliburton	17/8/ts	13/5/sh	9/3/sh	11/3/pc	15/4/su	16/6/pc	17/8/ts
Huntsville	16/7/ts	13/4/sh	8/3/sh	10/2/pc	14/4/su	16/6/pc	17/7/ts
Kingston	18/8/ts	14/6/sh	10/4/sh	11/4/pc	16/5/su	17/6/pc	18/9/ts
Lindsay	17/8/ts	14/6/sh	9/4/sh	11/3/pc	16/4/su	16/6/pc	18/9/ts
Minden	17/8/ts	13/5/sh	9/3/sh	11/3/pc	15/4/su	16/6/pc	17/8/ts
Oshawa	18/8/ts	14/6/sh	11/6/sh	12/4/pc	16/5/su	17/7/pc	19/9/ts
Ottawa	16/6/sh	14/6/sh	12/6/sh	13/4/dz	17/4/su	16/6/pc	18/7/sh
Toronto	18/9/ts	14/7/sh	11/6/sh	12/4/pc	16/5/su	17/7/pc	19/9/ts

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Oct	Friday Hi/Low/Oct	Saturday Hi/Low/Oct	Sunday Hi/Low/Oct	Monday Hi/Low/Oct	Tuesday Hi/Low/Oct	Wednesday Hi/Low/Oct
Calgary	13/3/cl	14/4/sh	13/3/cl	16/3/dz	14/3/sh	17/4/sh	16/3/sh
Edmonton	14/3/sh	14/3/sh	16/4/dz	17/3/dz	16/2/ra	14/1/sh	11/1/sh
Fredericton	15/6/ra	14/7/dz	15/7/dz	12/7/ra	14/3/pc	13/3/cl	14/4/cl
Halifax	16/7/ra	15/8/sh	11/8/dz	10/5/ra	7/6/pc	12/4/pc	13/4/cl
Montreal	16/6/sh	15/8/sh	11/8/sh	14/7/sh	16/6/su	15/4/pc	17/8/sh
Regina	17/4/ts	16/5/cl	17/2/cl	17/4/cl	17/3/sh	18/3/sh	16/2/sh
St. John's	14/7/sh	15/7/sh	17/4/ra	11/pc	3/1/cl	5/2/pc	7/3/pc
Saskatoon	16/4/sh	15/6/sh	17/5/cl	18/6/cl	19/7/cl	18/3/sh	12/0/sh
Vancouver	13/6/sh	16/8/su	16/8/pc	16/8/sh	14/8/sh	16/8/sh	16/8/pc
Whitehorse	9/-2/sh	7/-1/sh	6/-3/mx	6/-2/cl	4/-3/cl	6/-2/cl	4/-1/pc
Winnipeg	13/4/sh	11/1/pc	15/1/su	17/4/cl	19/6/cl	20/3/sh	14/1/sh

AREA ALMANAC

Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 5/4	18°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 5/3	17°C	0°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 5/2	13°C	0°C	0.5 mm
Friday 5/1	14°C	5°C	10.4 mm
Thursday 4/30	NA	NA	NA
Wednesday 4/29	NA	NA	NA
Tuesday 4/28	NA	NA	NA

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:55 a.m./8:27 p.m.	7:22 p.m./4:39 a.m.
Fri.	5:53 a.m./8:29 p.m.	8:32 p.m./5:05 a.m.
Sat.	5:52 a.m./8:30 p.m.	9:38 p.m./5:36 a.m.
Sun.	5:51 a.m./8:31 p.m.	10:39 p.m./6:13 a.m.
Mon.	5:49 a.m./8:32 p.m.	11:33 p.m./6:58 a.m.
Tues.	5:48 a.m./8:33 p.m.	none/7:51 a.m.
Wed.	5:47 a.m./8:35 p.m.	12:17 a.m./8:50 a.m.

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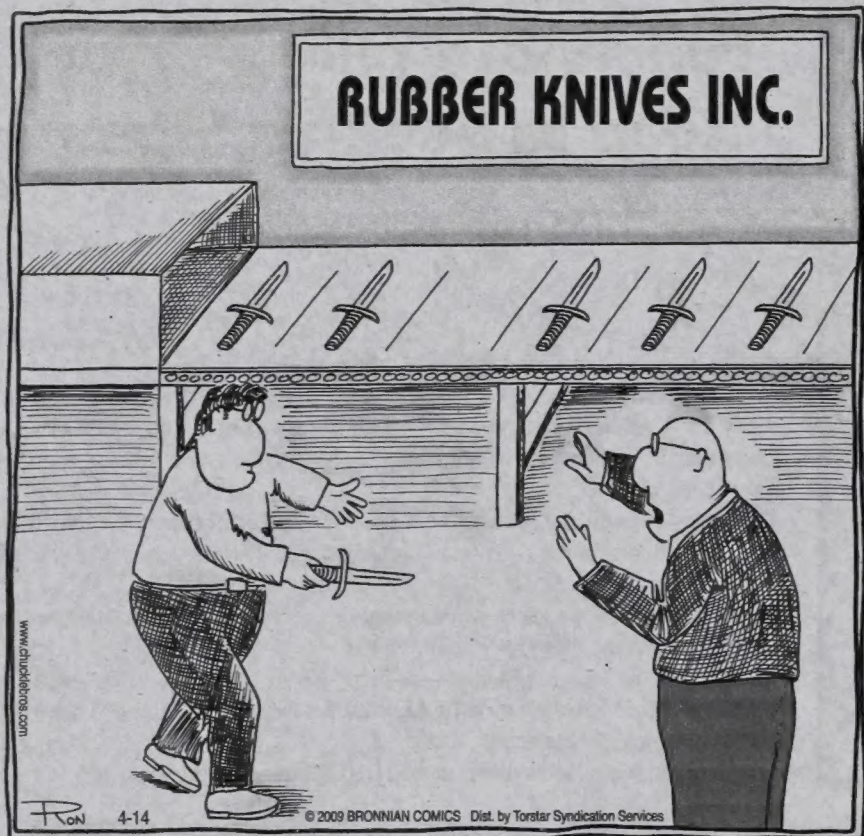
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Re: Greg Tibbitt's letter of April 30th.

Many years ago (the 1950s) my brother and a good friend of his landed their planes on the grass strip of what is now Stanhope Airport and neither of them ever expressed any concern in landing or taking off that grass strip.

Last summer my grandson and his friend, who had just obtained his flying license, landed at the airport and again expressed no concern at landing or taking off. And, of course, this was on a greatly improved runway. The present runway has been in existence for over 40 years and I can see little need for Algonquin Highlands to spend upwards of three or four million dollars on a cross wind runway so a few fliers can have a choice of which runway they can use (the proposed runway is not even a truly cross wind runway - it's almost parallel to the existing runway.)

I can think of a few projects for the township to spend (out) money on which would benefit the almost 12,000 taxpayers, almost 10,000 of whom are seasonal resident, much more than an unnecessary cross wind runway which will only benefit a few affluent fliers.

Perhaps when the next municipal elections come about in 2010 the taxpayers of our township will let the present council know just how much our taxpayers feel about their decision.

Art Wall
Haliburton ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Here Comes the Sun -- Maybe



The ice is finally gone from the lakes, a few precocious black flies are nosing around in the bush, pickup trucks filled with building materials are rumbling around, and the county's plumbers have disconnected their phones until November. Hardy sleuths have already noticed another sure sign of the changing season: at the Dysart landfill site, after seven or so months of drivers

breezing through the gates with a mere wave to the attendants, suddenly all kinds of folks, unsure of being recognized, are dutifully presenting their pass cards.

Time to make hay while the sun shines, as they say. That is, as long as there's hay to be made. This week the real estate figures for Haliburton County were released by the Muskoka-Haliburton Association of Realtors, and the story they tell isn't pretty. In April 2009 a total of 36 MLS properties were sold: last April the number was 56; in 2007, 70 were sold. The year-to-date statistics are equally bad: 76 sales this year, 135 last year and 170 in 2007. That being said, real estate agents are already encouraged by some evidence of increased action on recreational properties: there are tons of listings out there, which certainly makes for a buyers' market.

Andrew Hodgson of Century 21 admits that the beginning of the year was slow indeed, but cites a number of factors that gives him some reason for "guarded optimism".

"Firstly, there's been a cooling of prices that has certainly helped. Buyers have been waiting for some bottoming out to happen, and I think it has. Second, low interest rates can do nothing but help. Third, there is all kinds of product on the market to choose from, and the prices are right. And finally, there may be a trickle down affect from the problems with General Motors, in that some families who've been forced into early retirement may well sell their Oshawa homes and move here permanently. And you also have to put this past six months into perspective: 2007 was a terrific year, and you can't expect that level of business year after year."

Still, there's no question that local business is apprehensive about how deeply our summer boom will be affected by the current economic climate. But it could be that we might be one of the few places that are somewhat insulated from this recession: a cottage holiday is still one of the cheapest there is, after all. Gas prices have moderated substantially and recreational vehicle sales are booming. Paul Prentice of Prentice Power Sports in fact is looking forward to a record summer after a 22 percent gain in sales last year. Joe Roberts of Roberts Marina in Haliburton has seen a small decrease in boat rental bookings, and believes that many customers are playing a wait-and-see game as the summer approaches. But he certainly doesn't anticipate any severe drop in sales.

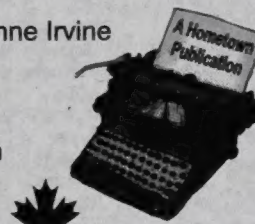
Contractors certainly are set for a good summer, but caution that most of this year's activity was already committed before the recession really hit last fall. What really concerns the builders is the effect the recession may have on business in the summers of 2010 and 2011. Another worrisome factor is the affect Ontario's proposed blended tax will have when it begins to be applied to all new homes that cost over \$400,000 next summer.

Let's go, black flies, come on summer, and may the cash registers ring ring ring. ■

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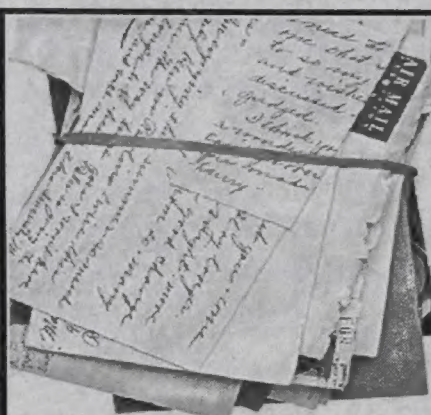


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Marihuana Grow Operation Located in Norland

(City of Kawartha Lakes, ON.) – The City of Kawartha Lakes OPP are continuing their investigation into an indoor marihuana grow operation located Friday afternoon in Norland, Ontario.

On Friday afternoon (01 May) the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP attended a residence located on Beachli Lane, just north of the Village of Norland, Ontario for an unrelated investigation. While at the residence officers located an indoor marihuana grow operation. Two male and two female suspects were immediately arrested at the scene and taken into custody. A third male suspect fled the scene on foot.

A subsequent search warrant revealed two operating hydroponic grow rooms in the residence and a third grow room in the process of being set up. Officers seized approximately 53 marihuana plants and quantity of dried marihuana with an estimated street value of \$50,000. Two firearms were also seized during the operation.

As a result of the investigation the following persons have been charged:

Tina Maria HENDERSON, age 29 – production of a controlled substance.

Brent HENDERSON, age 28 – production of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm while prohibited.

Robert HENDERSON, age 33 – production of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm while prohibited.

All three were held in custody and are scheduled to appear in

court today (May 4) in Lindsay, Ontario.

A fourth person Cadence FLEMING, age 22 was charged with production of a controlled substance and was released from custody and will appear in court June 4th, 2009 in Lindsay, Ontario. ■

Mischief Investigations

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating two mischief complaints that occurred this past weekend. Both incidents occurred sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The first incident occurred at Monks Funeral Home on the Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden where suspects smashed a window in the building.

The second incident occurred at a residence on Harmony Road in Haliburton Village. A pick up truck parked at a residence had two windows smashed.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■



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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

“The administration informed parents that the kindergarten schedule would be changing back.”

In 2008, concerned parents with children attending Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) proposed changes to the kindergarten schedule from an alternate-day schedule (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday one week, Tuesday & Thursday the following week), to a fixed-day schedule (Monday, Wednesday & every other Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday & every other Friday). After conducting a public forum attended by parents, teachers, and those affected by the alternate-day kindergarten schedule, the administration of SBES agreed to a one-year trial of the fixed-day schedule, which commenced September 2008 and ends this June 2009.

On April 20, 2009, the administration informed the parents of children currently enrolled at SBES that the kindergarten schedule would be changing back to the former alternate-day schedule. In its newsletter, the administration of SBES outlined some of the reasons for this change. Some parents in the community, however, feel a fixed-day schedule is more beneficial to the overall well-being and development of our children and families for the following reasons:

- 1). We feel it is in the best interest of our children's academic success to establish regular, fixed routines which encompass school, family and community involvement. The reality is that we all strive for regular schedules in order to make our families' daily schedules more successful.
- 2). It has been easier to find and provide consistent high quality daycare and early learning programs on a fixed-day schedule. This has been supported by several daycare providers in Haliburton.
- 3). A fixed-day schedule allows for other experiences to enrich our children's educations through extra-curricular activities. Most of these activities operate on a fixed-day schedule.
- 4). On a fixed-day schedule, there would be a greater opportunity for parents who stay at home when their children are at home to engage in regular part-time work. This is especially critical for lower income families who may rely on such work to off-set childcare costs, and otherwise survive. As reported in a study released by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit in 2006, 9% of children in Haliburton County live below the poverty line.
- 5). For parents / guardians reliant on extended family members for childcare, a regular fixed-schedule makes it easier for those family members (like grandparents) to participate in community events (like curling or volunteer work) on a consistent basis while still playing an important role in the lives of young loved ones.

In the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the majority of schools (69%) with kindergarten programs are on a fixed-day schedule, including Minden, Wilberforce & Cardiff. Stuart Baker Elementary School would be the only school in Haliburton County to be on an alternate-day schedule. According to the schedule provided by the school, 'A' day students (those who attend on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday) will have 95 days of school, while 'B' day students (those who attend on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday) will have 94 days. In our view, a single day discrepancy is neither significant nor grossly inequitable.

If you share our concerns, if this change affects your child, your family, your job or childcare arrangements, or if you want if you would like more information or clarification regarding our points of concern, please contact Jennifer at: (705) 457-9303, between the hours of 9am and 6pm.

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Parents for a Fixed-Day Kindergarten (an informal group of about 50 parents and community members who have signed a petition to the School Board protesting the schedule decision.) ■

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Province Announces Changes to Century Old Mining Act

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The proposed legislation attempts to address conflicts between private land owners and mineral exploration companies. Existing claims and leases will be honoured until they run out, but mining rights in southern Ontario (south of the French River on the mining map) have been withdrawn where surface rights are privately held.

Across the province there will be greater notification to private land owners after a claim has been staked, and prior to any actual exploration. New provisions are being established to regulate exploration and a map staking system will be introduced and phased in to eliminate the need for prospectors to enter private property.

For aboriginal communities provisions are being made to withdraw significant cultural sites from claim staking. Requirements are being established for prospectors and mining companies to notify aboriginal communities after a claim is staked or when plans are being made for significant exploration activities within their traditional lands. The consultation process with First Nations people has also been enhanced considerably.

Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, co-founders of Haliburton's FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) are delighted to see some progress made, but are quick to say that the fight is a long way from being over.

Simpson said, "We've been waiting to see what the Ministry proposed, but the gloves are off now. They haven't done much to further the interests of private land owners." Simpson and Atrill were present in the legislature when the amendments to the Act were tabled.

According to Simpson, even though the surface rights only properties have been withdrawn from the claiming maps for now, it still leaves him (and numerous other private land owners) in the middle of crown land that can be staked without any environmental, land or health issues being taken into consideration. To make matters worse, the existing claim on Simpson's land doesn't run out until the spring of 2010.

Simpson maintains that the government has set up a discriminatory situation between the far north, the near north and the south and no one will really know where they stand until the actual regulations are written. He said, "They gave the far north more control over their land which is essentially what we were asking for here in the south and, in fact the en-

tire province."

"Here there are no environmental assessments, nothing taken into consideration prior to exploration with respect to environmental hazards, degradation of property or devaluation of property. The more we look at it the less happy we are. It's nice to have people's private property protected to some extent, but the fact that mineral rights remain in the Crown's name leaves me questioning the process."

What does this all mean to Haliburtonians? As of April 30th at noon all surface rights only land owners that are not currently staked have been withdrawn from the Act and no more staking can take place. As existing claims run out, many of them are being dropped, but Crown land is still available for staking. Simpson said that as a minimum all of the land in southern Ontario should have been taken off the map for staking.

"It doesn't mean much being 'unstakable' when you're surrounded by claims!"

The dates for second reading have yet to be set, but the amendments are posted on the province's environmental website and Simpson expects that second reading will take place during the Spring Session and final reading will take place in the fall. He says that, now that the legislation has been introduced, a Committee process will be established that will continue with the consultation process.

Believing that there is still an opportunity for further change, Simpson and Atrill will be targeting as many MPP's as they can over the summer. They will continue to lobby to take Crown land off the map in Southern Ontario and work towards Municipal Governments being given more power over mining activity within their borders.

Simpson, like many others, doesn't trust the government. He said, "This is sort of like a moratorium, but is being called a voluntary withdrawal. I don't see any protection on a long term basis for us and the government could put it all back on the map at any time."

Simpson, Atrill and several other anti-mining activists met with MPP Rick Johnson the day after the new legislation was tabled. Simpson said that much of their conversation focused on problems with a claim on a Gooderham resident, but Johnson has committed to coming up to the area to discuss the act and local issues within the next few weeks.

So for Simpson, Atrill and other members of FUME, it looks like another busy summer ahead. ■

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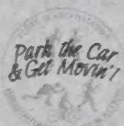
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"I Don't Respond Well To Ultimatums"

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Municipality, but Mr. Claridge did say that he had been advised during the most recent 'negotiations' that the runway would be built and the project was proceeding. He said this message was repeated several times by Harrison and Mitchell, leaving him with the impression that he had absolutely no choice and that he had been given an ultimatum.

The Claridges own a 27 acre eco-system (both high lands and marsh) under a managed forest plan on Green Lake Road. Claridge confirmed that as much as 40 feet would have to be removed from the tallest of his trees and that during their negotiations with Harrison and Mitchell he had agreed that topping won't work and if action had to be taken, the trees should most likely be cut down. Topping trees kills them off anyway, in almost all cases.

Claridge said he was told he would have to sign an agreement to establish an aerial easement by May 29th in order to avoid a legal process. He was advised that if he refused, the Municipality would seek a forced easement. He said, "You could certainly call that an ultimatum and I don't respond well to them. This simply won't fly with me."

Hiring a lawyer was not Claridge's concern. He said, "It's not about money; it's about our marsh. Trees don't like fluctuating water levels and this is a flood control area. These trees have managed to establish themselves and if you cut out the largest ones, the balance that has been established in the marsh will be lost."

Claridge confirmed that compensation has been offered, but he said, "How do you establish a price or compensate us for what will be done to our forest?" He said no real explanation had been provided to him on how the figure that was offered had been reached. He said the Municipality had conferred with several other airports about establishing easements and had used their calculations to arrive at what they thought was a fair figure. (This was confirmed by Harrison at a recent County Council meeting.)

Fair compensation will be a large part of these negotiations. The Claridges have 27 acres with 2000 feet of shoreline, and if the value of the property is substantially reduced by extensive tree topping, and the resulting ecological changes, the compensation should clearly be significant. On top of that, the area is yet to be surveyed, details of the easement agreements are unknown at this point and Claridge said that both Harrison and Mitchell acknowledged that they were still working out these details.

Claridge offered a wonderful vision of 'pools of water alight with the sun shining through tall hemlock trees and an old cedar rail fence marching along the original roadway.' Again he asked how someone could calculate the value of that. He said, "We're under an environmental protection zone and I think that marshland has a purpose. If they think they're going to destroy the workings of the marshland, how could we be compensated for that?"

Claridge suggested a joint meeting of all of the affected property owners with Harrison and Mitchell, but they didn't think that would be necessary as each property was different. He said, "I thought if there was a joint meeting it would be a more open and transparent process and we could share ideas, but they weren't keen on that."

Andrew Kuzyk, whose property is just down the road from the Claridges, said that his meeting with Algonquin Highlands wasn't much of a negotiation. Kuzyk said they offered him \$10,000 for the vegetation rights (on an area of land yet to be specified) in the form of a perpetual (100 year) easement. Kuzyk advised them that their offer was not acceptable and has been speaking with a lawyer as well as property evaluators to determine his next steps.

Kuzyk said, "I should expect a percentage of my property value, but when I mentioned this to Mitchell he disagreed and simply said I should sign the agreement by May 29th. It was not presented as an offer, but as an ultimatum." Kuzyk said he advised Mitchell that

he would be presenting a counter proposal that would take things like the diminished value of his property into consideration.

"I'm not looking to make money. I'm simply looking for compensation for the true value of what the easement is worth," he said. Kuzyk also said, "The people I have been speaking with that have some experience say this isn't a viable agreement and that the Municipality can't put together something today without considering the impact for years to come. Today they are trying to land light jets and tomorrow who knows. I think they are setting themselves up to create a huge white elephant."

According to Kuzyk, on a glorious summer day you might see anywhere from 10 to 15 aircraft at the airport. He said, "I can't see what they'll gain by a longer runway other than more maintenance and higher costs to repave or resurface in the future. Right now they have a manageable asset, but in the future they'll have a huge bear to maintain."

Kuzyk also said that the saddest thing is that he is pro airport, which is one of the reasons he is at the end of the runway. But his pleasure is waning as municipal trucks and engineers tramp over his property at will (and without permission) and he has to fight tooth and nail to save every tree that he can. Kuzyk is definitely a man preparing for a fight.

All this is going to take time and one thing that should concern taxpayers is the fact that if contractual timelines cannot be met, the Municipality may be faced with hefty penalties. The cost of additional property acquisition or the associated legal fees is not identified anywhere in the existing budget and cannot be covered by monies provided through Building Canada.

Meanwhile, Andy Muirhead, who under normal circumstances is one of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) Directors, says he is getting truly frustrated (in fact, mad as hell) with the process. Muirhead says he has offered his expertise to the Municipality, to share information, maps and drawings, but they make no attempt to verify his facts and, having simply stated that he is wrong, they stopped listening, possibly to everyone.

Muirhead strongly believes that eventually there will be many more private property owners who will be affected by the approach to the runway and the need to cut more trees over time. In consideration of those very same people, Muirhead has decided to step out on a limb and start his own website. He said, "If you want to do something that you believe in, there is nothing to be afraid of and being wrong in public won't kill you."

So he suggests that you check out his site - <http://nicelittleairport.shawwebpace.ca/> - if you are concerned about the airport project. Confirming its origins, Muirhead said, "The website is mine; it doesn't belong to or link with any association and I take full responsibility for any mistakes and potentially misleading information you might find there. I don't claim to be entirely objective or even always right, but I do guarantee that if you find something that can be reasonably proved untrue, I will take it down and issue a public apology. I also guarantee that any reasonable question or plea for help will get a response."

According to Muirhead you can find maps taken from the County's GIS system and from Algonquin Highlands' own engineering reports showing properties that either will or might be affected by the new runway at some point. He says, "If you find yourself in a red box on one of the maps, you have reason for concern."

Muirhead said, "There are processes that must be followed in all things and processes involve 'stakeholders.' Any property that falls into those red boxes is owned by a probable stakeholder."

According to Muirhead, the strong point of the Reeve and CAO's negotiating approach is 'you can take this deal or not; we are going to get what we want one way or another.' He scoffed at Algonquin Highlands' idea of fairly negotiated compensation saying that an offer of an insultingly small amount of cash with absolutely no relationship to the amount of damage to a given property or detail documenting how the amount was decided (according to Muirhead the same amount has been offered to the few property owners who have been contacted) in return for one hundred years of free access to remove offending trees is ludicrous.

He said, "There is no offer of independent appraisal of fair value, no suggestion that the Township would help cover costs of evaluations undertaken by landowners, no final or definitive drawing or indication of the exact area of disturbances and no plan or schedule for access."

Muirhead also said, "So what's your house or cottage worth? Now think of what it might be worth if there was a one hundred year right of way for local government to come onto the land at their discretion to chop ever more tree tops; if the owner or a buyer no longer had the option to build on large sections of their property because of an easement agreement or the danger of being in the flight path, not to mention the disturbance of aircraft flying only a few metres overhead?"

According to Muirhead the Township has a responsibility to prove to each of the landowners in the immediate area of influence of the new runway that they will see no impact ever or they should enter into real negotiations in which they (the Township) pay for real independent valuations and provide fair compensation for each individual case.

He urges residents who are affected or people who have friends or relatives in one of the red boxes to check out his website and invites the Algonquin Highlands Council to take him up on that same invitation and involve itself in an open public process, which Muirhead says the Council prefers to avoid. ■



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Minden Library Furniture on its Way

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for the circulation desk (originally to be supplied as part of the construction project, but now being supplied as part of the furniture purchase to ensure a consistent style). Murdoch said that a corporate application worth \$15,000 for all of the children's section was also pending.

Murdoch said, "It's certainly not Ikea. These companies do nothing but supply specialized library furniture."

Councillor Barbara Reid referred to previous estimates of \$90,000 for the furniture. She said, "These quotes are much higher. What has changed?"

Fox advised that part of the change was in the amount of furniture ordered. He said, "Subsequent to circulation of the original documents we spoke with a number of people that had expertise in children's areas. This is a significant and very important part of the library and we've added some features. Some of the estimates didn't reflect installation charges (amounting to \$11,000) or the taxes. There were also some additions like a box for book returns."

Fox said the committee were now working with all inclusive quotations. He said, "These documents now account for every penny that we can foresee in the installation."

Reid then asked Councillor Peter Oyler, as the Chair of the Finance Committee what had been allocated in the 2009 budget for library furnishings. Oyler responded that there were no specific dollars earmarked in the budget. He suggested that there were several possible ways to finance the furniture; either from fund raising or by using a portion of the 2 1/2 percent that had been included in the budget as part of the increase in the tax rate.

CAO Gerry Morrison confirmed Oyler's comments. He said the matter had been discussed; all of Council had been made aware that there was no money included in the budget for the furniture, and a decision on how to cover the cost would be decided at a later date. According to Morrison the cost could either be included in the municipality's portion of the construction of the building (which isn't grantable) or through debenture funding.

Addressing fund raising progress, Murdoch said that the first phase included a target of \$50,000 with \$20,000 having been raised so far. She also said that once this target was met, the Committee was prepared to follow through with a second phase of fund raising for an additional \$50,000.

She said, "When we got our two thirds of the funding to build the library there was no policy in place about who was responsible for what. We understood that the Municipality was respon-

sible to build the building and the County was responsible for what was inside. When the policy was written we found that was not the case; the books, staffing, computers and computer furniture were the responsibility of the County and, low and behold we find we are responsible for all of the furniture."

According to Murdoch delivery of the furniture will take eight weeks. She said, "If you're looking for a summer opening in time for sesquicentennial, the furniture should be here by the end of June."

Murdoch offered her thanks to Malcomson and Fox as well as Bob Romberg, and said, "I feel very comfortable that when the building opens there will be something very worthwhile for everyone involved, adults and children alike."

Oyler, who said he was a stickler about these things, asked Murdoch about the \$25,000 that the County had committed towards the interior of the library and support services to design the interior. Murdoch said that the only thing that had been paid out of those funds had been Fox's first bill (which she said was likely only half of the actual time worked on the project). She said that the computers going into the library were also part of what the County is responsible for, along with computer furniture. She said, "We've eaten all that up and Dysart will have to apply for money on its own."

Oyler suggested that Minden Hills may have to fight tooth and nail to get that money, but Murdoch assured him that Dysart's project had not been on the horizon when the County commitment had been made. "We're the flagship and Dysart will be kept within the same limitations as we are. I don't see us not getting the money."

Oyler also inquired whether the furniture being ordered was comparable to that in other libraries in quantity, quality and price. Fox advised Council that the Committee had sought information from a number of sources, and taking everything into consideration, the purchase was considered to be mid range. "We tried to match the architectural style of the building and all agreed that the furniture is suited to the overall look of the building, particularly the reading tables and bookcases."

Fox said, "We looked at an interior that would serve the community for many years to come," and Reeve Jim McMahon thanked him for his commitment to the project. ■

New Library CEO Visits JDH Students

Bessie Sullivan Makes Class Presentations on Online Library System

In Haliburton County there are a total of eight library branches (Dysart, Minden, Stanhope, Wilberforce, Dorset, Cardiff, Highland Grove and Gooderham). With all these branches combined, the public has access to more than 32,000 volumes, magazines and video offerings.

So who is responsible for overseeing the operations of all these libraries in the county? Well, for the past 22 years that person was Joel Levis.

But after his retirement in September of last year, the county needed to find a new person to take on the roll of CEO. Bessie Sullivan was hired, and started her new job about 10 weeks ago. On Wednesday, April 29, she spent the day at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton talking to students about how they can access the services of their local libraries. She also briefly talked about her position as the new CEO of Haliburton County's Public Libraries.

Before coming to Haliburton, Sullivan was responsible for the operations of three library branches in the Kingston Frontenac Public Library system.

During her short presentations to classrooms, Sullivan utilized SMART boards (interactive displays) to show students how to find books and DVD's on the Haliburton County Public Library web site, how to manage an online library account, and how to reserve books and other items online through Interlibrary Loan Requests.

Sullivan also tested the students' knowledge of the local library system by asking them questions such as: "How many library branches are there in the county?" "What is the most northern branch in the county?" and "How many new libraries are currently being built in the county?"

At the conclusion of her presentation, Sullivan handed out prizes to students to reward them for participating and paying close attention.

In speaking with The Voice, Sullivan said it's her goal to make people of all ages aware of the library resources that are available to them.

"I've just been trying to get out in the community," she said, while adding that registration forms for students to get their own library cards would be sent home with them soon after her visit. She did point out that those under the age of 12 must have their parent or guardian sign the form in order to receive a card.

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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Pandemic 'Imminent'

Fears that the next global pandemic would emerge as a mutation of bird flu were proven wrong by a deadly and virulent outbreak of what initially was called swine flu. It spread rapidly through international air travel to points around the world from what appear to be its origins in eastern Mexico. That prompted the World Health Organization to raise the flu threat level to Phase 5, which the agency says indicates a pandemic is "imminent." A 4-year-old boy in the Veracruz state village of La Gloria survived the first confirmed case of the disease in late March. While it's not believed the boy was directly infected by animals bred in a nearby U.S.-owned industrial pig farm, a strain of regular flu making others ill in the area may have mutated with swine flu and bird flu elements to form the new pandemic strain. The new H1N1 influenza strain is spread from person to person, instead of animal to animal, making it harder to treat and prevent since there is no natural immunity to it and no vaccine.

Kamchatka Eruption

Far East Russia's Shiveluch volcano spewed ash high above the Kamchatka peninsula in the latest of a series of ongoing eruptions. Shiveluch is one of the region's largest and most active volcanoes.

Indonesian Cyclone

Far eastern Indonesia's Aru Islands were drenched by bands of heavy rainfall spinning around the center of tiny Cyclone Kirrily. Such storms are rare in that part of the region, but often affect Australian waters to the south. Kirrily spun out not far from where it had formed.

Dirty Warming

A new study by a team of scientists from four countries has found evidence that previously unconsidered kinds of pollution are causing a large portion of Arctic warming. A report by the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) cautions that factors like soot, ozone and methane may now be contributing to the warming of the Arctic and other parts of the world as much as carbon dioxide. The amount of black carbon in the atmosphere, due to agricultural burning, forest fires and inefficient diesel engines, is creating a haze that absorbs sunlight, warms and falls on snow. The darkening of the frozen surface then causes more sunlight to be absorbed, reducing the snow's ability to reflect sunlight back into space. Soot was not mentioned as a factor in global warming by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report in 2007. But another report just issued points to it being responsible for half of the total temperature increases in the Arctic between 1890 and 2007.

Dust Season

A massive cloud of choking yellow sand and dust cast a pall across parts of north and northwest China, reducing visibility to less than 330 feet and snarling traffic. Residents in the areas blanketed by the dust were told to stay indoors as much as possible and to use face masks when venturing outside. Gansu, Ningxia, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia provinces were the worst affected, according to the China Meteorological Administration. Such sandstorms often blow eastward from China's arid region at this time of year, eventually swirling over Japan, South Korea and occasionally as far away as North America.

Earthquakes

A 5.8 magnitude quake centered near the Mexican resort of Acapulco sent panicked residents rushing into the streets as far away as Mexico City. The strong shaking struck as the country was also becoming alarmed by the mounting number of deaths associated with a spreading influenza epidemic.

Earth movements were also felt in El Salvador, southern Ohio, Newfoundland, western England, Romania, the eastern Afghan-Pakistan border region and Japan's Hokkaido Island.

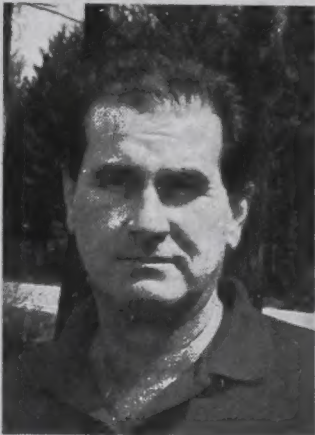
Bad Omen

Rangers in Kenya's Hell's Gate National Park announced the birth of an albino buffalo calf earlier this year. It's believed to be the first such documented birth in recorded history, which was not noticed until recently because the herd in which the calf was born had confined itself to shady areas to stay cool and conserve water during the recent drought. Unlike the normally dark brown buffalos roaming the Rift Valley, the albino is almost beige and stands out easily from the rest of the herd. Senior park warden Nelly Palmeris said that its light coloring makes the calf more vulnerable to attack by predators, and by the Maasai tribe, which considers albinism to be a bad omen. "We are just coming from a bad drought and the Maasai might associate the famine with this buffalo and kill it," said Palmeris. The Kenya Wildlife Service is conducting an education campaign to dispel such myths, and is providing special protection to the unique animal.

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Have Your Say...
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We asked people, "Were you prepared for the five cent fee that local grocery stores are now charging for plastic bags? When and how did you find out about the change? What's your reaction to it? Did you use plastic for any other purposes besides putting groceries in them?"



Chris Mawbey, West Guilford - "Yeah, I knew it would happen sooner or later. They've been charging in the city already. It was when I went into the grocery store that I found out about it. I know that they're having problems at dump sites with the bags. They're hard to recycle. These things have to be done to help save the country and the planet. I used the plastic bags around the house for some garbage."



Richard Sparrow, Tory Hill - "I heard about the plan to do it about a year ago. I think it's a complete joke to charge five cents for a bag. That's a rip-off. Nowadays it's hard to find a box to put your groceries in, so then you're forced to buy a bag. Now, if you have to carry in a cloth bag with you, it's even more of an inconvenience to go grocery shopping. I don't support it. If they're trying to do away with the plastic bags, they should just get rid of them completely."



Larry Hussey, Haliburton - "I heard about it a few weeks ago. I think it's a good idea. It helps to reduce the number of plastic bags in the dumps and encourages people to bring in their cloth bags. I have about eight cloth bags, but sometimes I forget them. I've been training myself to remember them. I mainly used the plastic bags for groceries and some small garbage items at home."



Sandra Lawrence, Gelert - "I heard about it through word of mouth. I carry the cloth bags with me, but sometimes I forget to bring them in the store. If I forget I just bring the groceries out to the car and then put them in the bags. I think that this is a good thing as long as it's not a cash grab. It's great to reduce waste. Occasionally I use the plastic bags around the house if I have some smelly garbage that I don't just want to throw in the garbage can."

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Minden Hills Council Strikes Finance Committee

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"We can make this work." (Peter Oyler)

Last Thursday the Minden Hills Council struck an official Finance Committee. This move comes at an opportune time, given the deficit encountered at year end, the struggles that Council encountered with their budgeting process for 2009 and ongoing financial challenges that continue to plague them.

The recommendation to establish the Committee came from Finance Chair Peter Oyler. In a memo to Council, Oyler said that, along with Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, he had considered the best approach and they recommended that the committee be established consisting of three members of Council, including the Finance Chair as well as CAO Gerry Morrison and the Treasurer.

Oyler said the Committee would review quarterly financial reports with particular care given to variances in the budget and 'other financial matters as deemed necessary.' He proposed that quarterly reports be provided to Council during the last week of the month following the quarter. He said that variances of 10 percent or more would be explained in the reports, but added that any members of Council that had questions about the statements were welcome to submit questions to the staff through the Treasurer or the CAO.

In his memorandum, Oyler suggested a process that will only prove to be effective or convoluted over time. He recommended that any other requests for information be submitted directly to the Treasurer. They would then be summarized and reviewed by the Committee (and the applicable Department Heads) during the quarterly Finance Committee meeting. He also suggested that a deadline for submitting requests for information or meeting dates would be provided to Council members with their quarterly statements and that any information discussed at the committee level would be reported back to Council.

Oyler recommended that the committee be formed at the earliest possible opportunity. He said that both Councillor Rick Ratcliff and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch had expressed an interest in serving on the committee and he recommended them, given their experience over the last several years.

Councillor Barbara Reid voiced concern that she had not received notification of Oyler's recommendation about the Committee, saying that, had she been aware of it, she would have expressed an interest in the committee as well, given her training and education. Morrison confirmed that the memo had been drafted by the Treasurer for Oyler to approve prior to being submitted to Council and that Oyler had only just received the memo with his agenda package.

Reeve Jim McMahon acknowledged Reid's financial expertise and questioned the number of members on the committee. He suggested that having an additional member might even be beneficial, particularly if one member wasn't available.

Oyler voiced concern about Reid being available for meetings and Reid, although she said she understood Oyler's concerns asked for a bit of flexibility with the dates. After a brief discussion Oyler said, "We can make that work," and agreed that the number of members could be extended to four.

Finally, in a move that just may assuage some of the public's concerns about the budget, Council passed a resolution establishing the Committee which, along with Oyler as the Chair, will include Reid, Ratcliff and Murdoch as members. ■

Free Bags Are a Thing of the Past

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Grocery Stores Introduce Five Cent Fee On Plastic Bags to Reduce Waste

In an effort to help eliminate the number of plastic bags that are accumulating at landfill sites, grocery stores across the country are starting to charge customers who want to use them.

In recent weeks, most local supermarkets have implemented a five-cent fee on the plastic bags that many shoppers are accustomed to using.

About a year ago the provincial government announced that it wanted Ontarians to cut in half the number of plastic shopping bags they would use by the year 2012. Grocery stores and retail stores have also been asked to help reach that goal.

At Foodland in Haliburton, the five-cent fee was imposed on May 1st. Store owner Bob Park says he hasn't heard many complaints about the change so far.

"It's been fairly well received," said Park. "I've only heard about a handful of people who are upset about it."

As of April 22 (Earth Day) the same fee was introduced at Todd's Independent Grocer.

Some of the other grocery stores in the county that also have the fee on bags include Foodland in Wilberforce and Valu-Mart. Dollo's IGA in Minden will also soon hop on the bag fee bandwagon.

But even before the fee came into effect, stores have been encouraging shoppers to use an alternative to the plastic bag. The alternative: a large, washable, reusable cloth or canvas material bag.

The bags can hold up to three times more goods than the regular plastic bags.

Not only do they hold more items, but some shoppers say they use them as carrying cases on day trips.

Depending on where you go the cloth bags range in size and price. The going rate in the county varies between 99 cents and \$1.49.

For those who continue to use the plastic bags, they'll find that a bigger size of a bag has been introduced to most stores.

At Todd's Independent we tested how much we could fit into the old plastic bag and the new one. In the old bag we were able to fit 22 regular-sized boxes of Kraft Dinner inside. The new bag surpassed that count with 31.

During the week that the fee came into effect at Foodland, Park said that sales of the cloth bags were remarkably high.

"That week I sold more of the green bags and the Haliburton Village bags than I ever have before," he said.

So where will some of the money go that is collected from chains like Sobeys and Loblaws from sales of the bags?

Loblaws is giving part of the money from the sales in its corporate stores to support WWF-Canada Conservation programs. The remainder of the money will go to their shopping back reduction programs and back into the business.

Some of the money from sales of bags at Foodland in Haliburton and Todd's Independent Grocer will also be distributed to local charities.

As of last year, Ontarians were using 7 million plastic bags each day - or about four bags per person every week. For more local reaction to this change, see this week's Vox Pop on Page 9. ■



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EH! Recycle!

Junk, garbage, waste, trash, litter, rubbish. It's all part of "I Found It At The Dump", a quirky exhibit and fundraiser at the Art Hive focusing on recycling and waste.

No matter what we call it, garbage is headed for the dump. In rural Haliburton County most of us cart our garbage to the dump ourselves. The advantage of do-it-yourself dumping is seeing firsthand the enormity of the problem. Ontario produces about 13 million tonnes of garbage per year. In 2005, 3 million tonnes of garbage were diverted from landfills through reuse and recycling, or about 23 percent.

Garbage doesn't go away. If it's not destined for recycling, then it's dumped in a landfill where it gets buried under successive layers of dirt. There are risks to the environment no matter how garbage is disposed of.

Some garbage decomposes. Decomposing garbage produces carbon dioxide and methane, greenhouse gases implicated in global warming. Methane is also highly flammable. Many big landfill sites in Canada deal with this risk by capturing the methane and using it.

Landfilled garbage can also produce leachate, a toxic brew which in turn can contaminate ground and surface water in the vicinity. However, modern landfill sites collect and contain leachates according to strict Ministry of Environment guidelines.

Currently the best option for reducing landfill garbage is to focus on the 3Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle. Recycling cuts down the use of raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and diverts garbage from landfills.

At home and at work we can divert a huge range of paper, cardboard, plastics, glass and metals to blue box recycling, thereby extending the life of our landfills. (Check Township guidelines for each landfill.) We can return all beer and wine bottles or containers for recycling and refund. We can compost vegetable and fruit scraps (no meat or dairy), leaves, plants, and grass clippings.

In spite of the success of Ontario's Blue Box recycling program, tonnes of garbage continue to accumulate in landfill sites. In 2005 Ontario sent 40 percent of its non-recyclable garbage out-of-province, chiefly to Michigan.

Ultimately the solution to accumulating garbage is, paradoxically, no waste - Zero Waste - a solution the Ontario government is seriously evaluating. Zero Waste means that industry takes responsibility for the costs associated with the environmental impact of its products. It means redesigning products and packaging so they can be returned, reused, repaired or recycled. In other words, products are made for the environment, not the dump.

In the meantime, check out "I Found It At The Dump" and Environment Haliburton! information at The Art Hive, 10239 Highway 118 (4 km east of Carnarvon), 754-0021, from May 9th to May 30th. Recycled art auction is Saturday May 30th, 7pm. ■

Keaney Chrysler Clears the Decks

This past week Keaney Chrysler in Minden has had a kind of empty look, so the Voice asked Mike Keaney what was going on.

"Last week we had a number of lease returns, and we're also selling off a lot of inventory. Beyond that, I really can't make any further comment," said Keaney.

The ongoing saga of the North American auto industry's flirtation with bankruptcy, massive government bailouts, and the closing down of hundreds of dealerships will inevitably have some effect locally. It's not known whether the Keaney inventory sale is related to what may be Chrysler's demise, or whether or not the dealership may be headed in another, more profitable direction. But at the moment, Keaney's maintains it's "business as usual" at the Minden dealership. ■

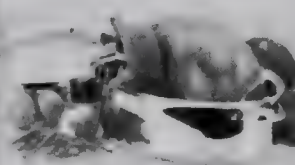


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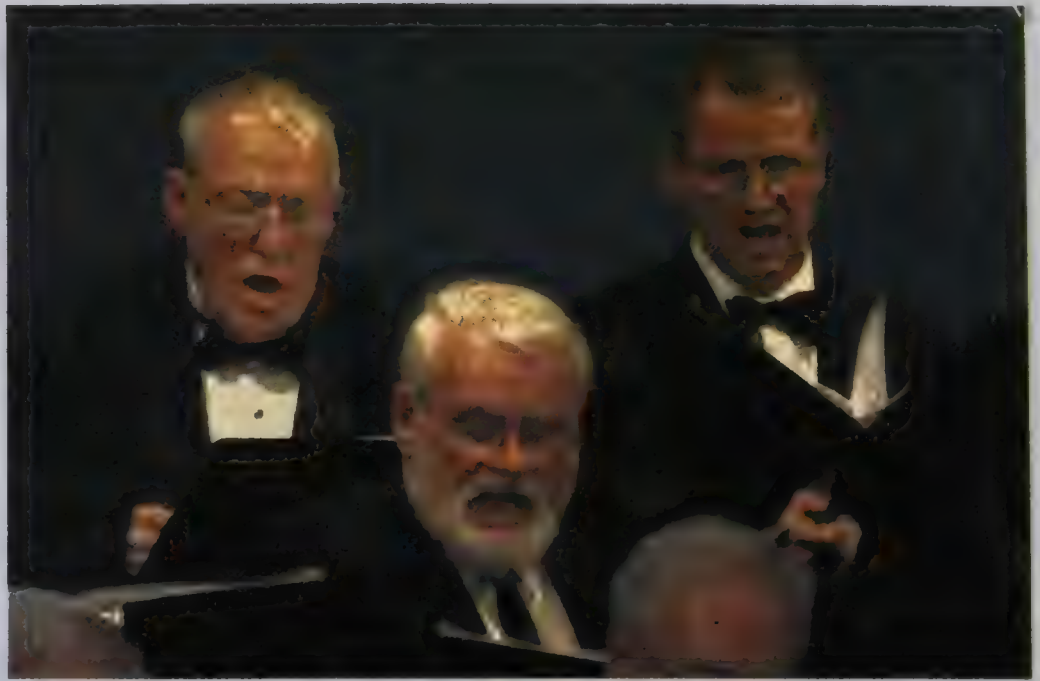
The Highlands Festival Singers Celebrate a Time in Musical Evolution

The term "crooner" is a word that has been used to characterize some of the great, classic balladeer artists. Crooners were usually backed by a full orchestra or big band and many of their popular songs are in the Great American Songbook (which features music from the 1920s to around 1960). Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole and Bing Crosby, are some of the artists who were considered to fit in to the crooner mold during their time.

Under the direction of Melissa Stephens, members of The Highlands Festival Singers sang songs from the crooner era during two shows at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on the weekend of Saturday, May 2.

Some of the ballads they performed were "That's Life" made famous by Frank Sinatra, "Unforgettable" sung originally by Nat King Cole, and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco", a signature tune of Tony Bennett's.

The emcee of the evening was Brian Kipping, who tested the audience's knowledge of crooner history in between songs. ■



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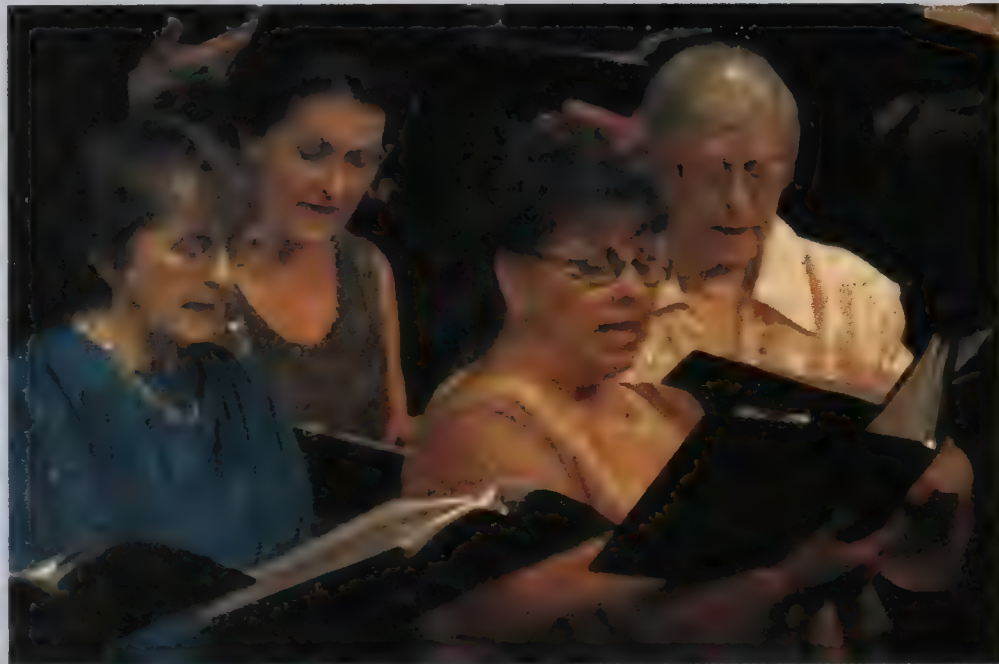


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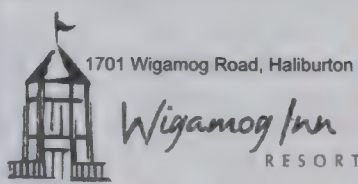
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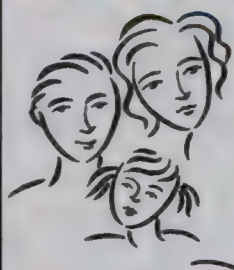


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30 Hours of Famine for Haliburton Students Equals \$3300 for the World's Poor – and more goods for our own 4Cs

Some 50 Haliburton students went on a 30-hour fast last week to demonstrate their empathy for the world's starving children – and then hit the Village streets to collect non-perishable food items for the 4Cs food bank. The students also have been collecting pledges for the World Vision organization. Under the guidance of Pastor David Bretzlaff of the Lakeside Baptist Church, the energetic and caring group managed to provide an amazing \$3300 in pledges for the world's poor, and collect hundreds of pounds of food for the local 4Cs.

In honour of the world's poor the students fasted from 4 pm April 29th until 10 pm on the 30th, the day they canvassed. After the food was delivered the group went back to the Haliburton High School for movies, a concert, and yes, finally some food. Pastor Bretzlaff commented that, "What was great about this group is that they really wanted to be there, that they really cared about world poverty and wanted to make a difference. And they did." ■



Right: Student Volunteers Savannah Van Heiningen and Rebecca Wrightman collect donations for the 4Cs



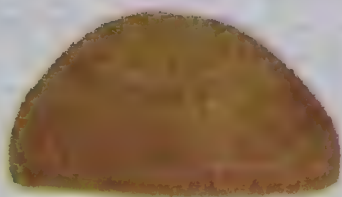
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Large crowd on hand as Haliburton celebrates its arts roots

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Highlands' Oscars fills that niche

There was no red carpet rolled out at the Haliburton Legion Hall last Saturday evening (May 2).

Ben Mulroney was apparently somewhere on assignment – or perhaps he misplaced his invitation.

No one in attendance was asked “whom” he or she was wearing. Although, I was sure

I spotted some Mark’s Work Warehouse popping exuberantly against the de rigueur and ho-hum backdrop of Armani, Chanel, and Donatella Versace.

The E! Network was non-extant.

Okay, the Oscars’ it’s not – hell, it ain’t even the Juno’s – but this annual soiree, dedicated to the arts, the people, and the artistic focus of the Haliburton Highlands is just as important to this tight-knit and burgeoning enclave of cottage country ingénues and friends of the arts as the Golden Globes or the Oscars is to Hollywood.

The Haliburton Arts community, baubled, bedecked, and bereft of hyperbole, burst boffo for Haliburton’s annual homage to excellence, better known as You’ve Gotta Have Art – 3rd Annual Honours Gala.

Three years old and growing. Growing with the abundantly eccentric – in a good way, like say, Tennessee Williams – and engaging inhabitants that make up this vibrant community of happy buskers, potters, singers, painters, musicians, directors, writers, and organizers.

The evening was a pleasant drift of old and new, a pastiche of

passion, and a full-blown celebration of life, art and the happy encumbrances that mark our daily trudge here in the Highlands.

Art should be celebrated (and funded, but that’s another matter), and thanks to the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands, and a team of tireless behind-the-scenes workers headed up this year by Gala coordinator Lesley English, this “little engine that would” keeps chugging up the stiff inclines, and rolling landscapes, postcard fodder that urges so many newcomers to this little plop of paradise on the abundantly sustainable bedrock edge of the Canadian Shield.

Art thrives in a milieu that is conducive to introspection, retrospection, beauty, abundant resource, and a pulsing network of like-minded individuals. Somewhere ... like here.

“Our community is enlivened by the

creative work of an amazing number of artists, creative enterprises, and arts organizations that create, produce, present and support the arts in a wide-range of disciplines (performing arts, visual arts, craft, media arts, design arts, literary arts, multidisciplinary arts and creative activities that defy easy description) and by the people who preserve and present the heritage of the county,” said English in her Gala booklet introduction to the evening.

Nominees were accepted in five categories: Youth Artist,

Emerging Artist, Supporter – Administrator, Founder, and Artist of Distinction.

“We put out the call to our membership (Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands) for nominations in five categories and the nomi-

nations came pouring in,” said English.

The rules? Anyone who fit the criteria was eligible and winners were based on the number of nominations received.

The evening was interspersed with some stunning, startling performances from local performance artists and musicians and hosted by Toronto comic and actor Burke Lawrence, who managed to rev the crowd and intersperse his delivery with some poignant local references – garnered we think from a whirlwind tour of the local museum, a coffee shop, and some inspired whispers?

The Red Hawk (Hal High) Improv Combo fired the evening up with a little jazz and they were followed by a little two-step homage to the unspoken expletive and framed oath, courtesy of the newly minted comedy duo of Ryan Dawson and Greg Luck.

Dan Manley wowed the crowd with a solo Tuba recital, followed by a very nice trilogy of songs presented by the Highlands newest favorite troubadour Carl Dixon – front man for bands Coney Hatch and the Guess Who.

Also involved in that eclectic performance mix was a nice little film called “Beer Season” (you have to see it) produced and directed by the Wanless-Craig Family. A wayward short, based on a few of the Highlands’ favorite summer pastimes and or pursuits.

All this of course a delightful backdrop to the actual awards presentations. Winner of the Youth Artist Award (awarded for vigorous commitment to arts production and display) was Teghan Dodds. Dodds won for her “enthusiastic participation” in the Art Hive’s Fashion Follie wearable art show.

Christopher King, a writer and a filmmaker/videographer captured the Emerging Artist Award. King wrote and directed two films: Lost Birds and Writer’s Block (tied for first place in the 48 Create Competition) and was also the stage manager for Michael Fay’s play “A River Needs to Run.

Janis Parker won in the Supporter – Administrator category – given to a person (group or business) demonstrating active support for the growth of arts. Parker, a municipal councillor, and the owner of Parker Pad and Printing passionately promotes, nurtures and encourages artistic endeavors of every description and is a tireless supporter and advocate of arts in the Highlands.

Jack Brezina won the Founder Award – presented to an original contributor to arts in the Highlands. A founding member of the Highlands Summer Festival, a Minden Hills Cultural Centre Board member and an active promoter of art through his weekly Canoe FM Artsweek program, Brezina has given a standing ovation by the appreciative crowd. Brezina has also been instrumental in the growth of the Minden banner Festival and the Arts Council.

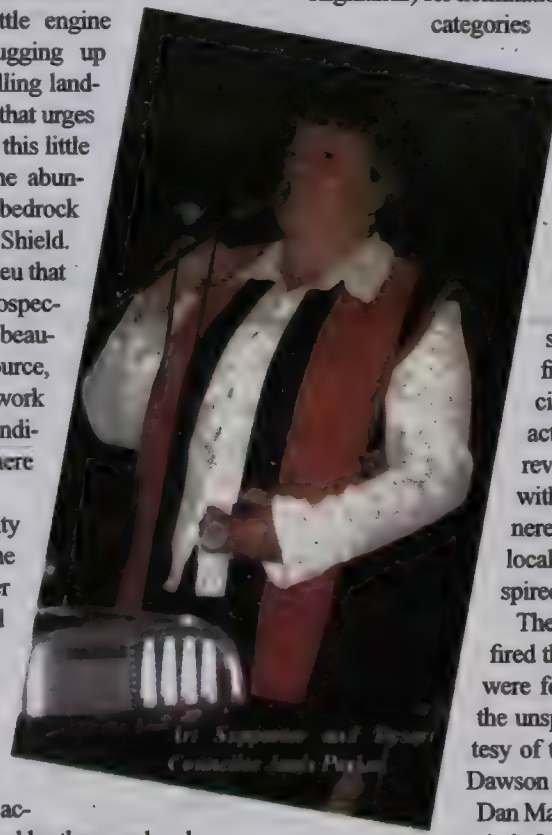
The Artist of Distinction Award was won by Tammy Rea, a mentor, teacher, and creator extraordinaire. The Award is given to a person or group who has contributed to the vitality of arts in the Highlands through mentoring/teaching, supporting new artists and representing the Highlands with distinction. Rea also received an enthusiastic and heartfelt standing ovation for her tireless work and contribution to the film arts.

Rea has contributed to Highland Media Arts as well as Those Other Movies, 48 Create and the inordinately successful Haliburton International Film Festival. She has contributed to the rise of cinematic arts in the Highlands and has also opened up exciting and vibrant new avenues for budding cinematographers here in the Highlands.

The evening closed out with a dance to last call, music supplied by The Rabid Dogs old school rock and blues quartet of Bart Hilhorst, Eric Litman, Robert Van Nood and Frank Zeiger.

Lesley English put it all in perspective. “We believe that “You’ve Gotta Have Art” and a lot of it heart if you want to have a great community. And we have both in the Haliburton Highlands.”

The Gala also acts as a fundraiser, and all monies raised are churned back into the cause of art in the Highlands.■



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Dove Campaign Motivates Teacher to Throw a Party

Girls in Grades 4-6 Talk About Self-Esteem During Fun P.J. Party

After seeing a commercial by the personal care company Dove, a teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) was inspired to throw a self-esteem boosting pyjama party for girls. The educational and playful three-hour long party took place on Friday, May 1.

Darlene Hill, a special education resource teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden, got the idea for the PJ party after seeing a commercial that encouraged girls across the country to go for a sleepover for the sake of building self-esteem.

"After I saw it I started talking to teachers, high school volunteers, and others about having a pyjama party for girls at the school," said Hill. "They were all game to get on board."

So where did this campaign by Dove stem from?

Four years ago Dove established the Dove Self-Esteem Fund. The purpose of the initiative is to change the way that women and young girls perceive body image and beauty.

Since girls regularly participate in sleepovers, Dove decided to make Saturday, May 2 a national sleepover date. The goal of the annual national event is to encourage girls to take part in fun social activities and feel good about themselves in their own skin.

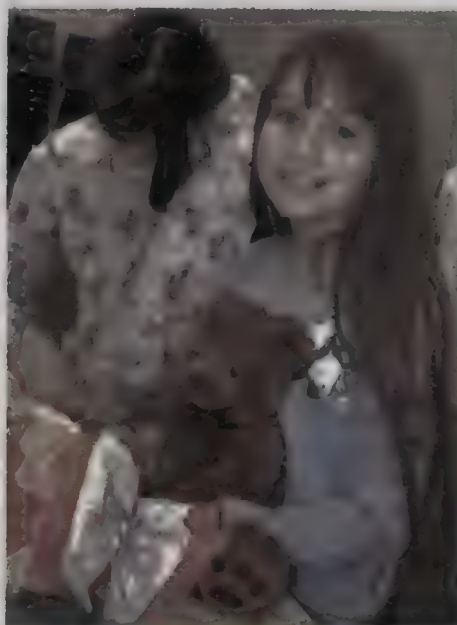


Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



Getting all tangled up: Jamie Little (left) and Emma Lavery have a game of Twister at one of the many activity stations.



Alyssa Oxley works on some arts and crafts with a class full of students.

But since class is not in session on the weekend, Hill decided to hold the party on a Friday night. Girls in grades 4-6 were made aware of the event, first, and then invitations were sent home to parents so they could give their child consent to attend.

Girls at the party were organized into groups with an adult mentor. During the evening the girls had discussions on self-esteem and body image, and they also explored how media plays a role in portraying fictional reflections of true beauty.

Guest speaker Rosie Kadwell, Public Health Dietician with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), also gave a presentation to students on healthy eating.

After completing the educational component of the event, girls made their way through several activity stations in the school which included: games, yoga lessons with Gail Holness, costume dress-up and a photo shoot, arts and crafts activities, and drama lessons provided by two high school students. The night concluded with a teddy bear/PJ dance and snacks.

The PJ party was the first of its kind at ASES. ■

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This past Saturday about 80 people came to Haliburton to walk and run in the annual fundraising hike. An impressive \$13,000 in pledges, or \$3,000 more than the intended \$10,000 target, was raised in this year's event.

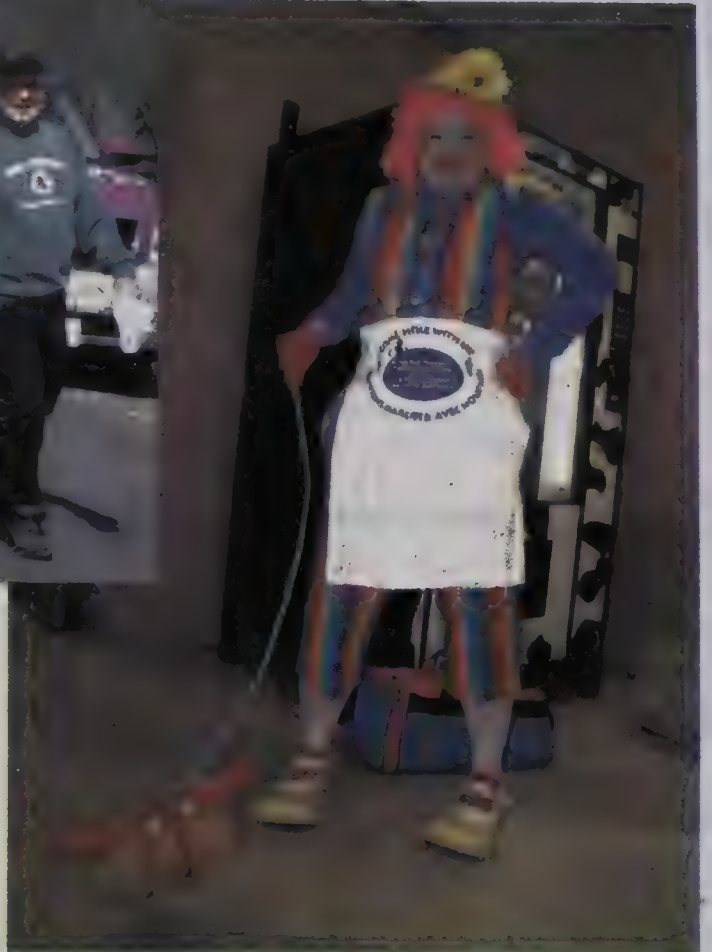
Some familiar faces were out to show their support for the worthy cause as well, including local MPP Rick Johnson and his wife Terri Crawford, former NHL referee and chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame Scotty Morrison, and Dysart et al councillor Janis Parker.

Those who participated in the hike were able to enter with a team or go in on their own. They also had the option of going on a five-kilometre trek along Haliburton's Head Lake Trail or walking for one-kilometre along the high school track.

After completing the hike, participants were able to relax and enjoy a BBQ provided by Haliburton and District Lions Club volunteers as well as catch some musical entertainment courtesy of Rick Johnson and Terri Crawford, who are also very successful musicians. They could also cash-in on their draw prizes and see who the biggest fundraisers of the day were.

For the fourth year in a row, the individual who raised the most money was local resident Nancy Brink with \$2,226. The team that raised the most money, for the second year in a row, were the

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In the last five years through SIRCH's community hospice programs, 378 clients with a life-threatening illness and over 800 family members and caregivers have received support during their time of need. The use of these services has increased by 200 per cent over the five-year period.

Over the weekend, similar walks for hospice palliative care were held at locations all over the country. In 2008, 98 hike sites participated and over \$1,000,000 was raised nationally through the initiative.

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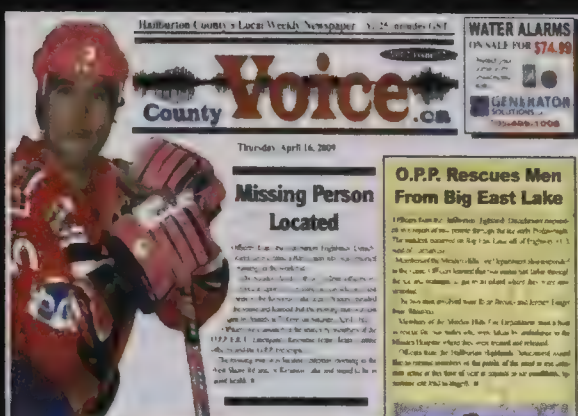
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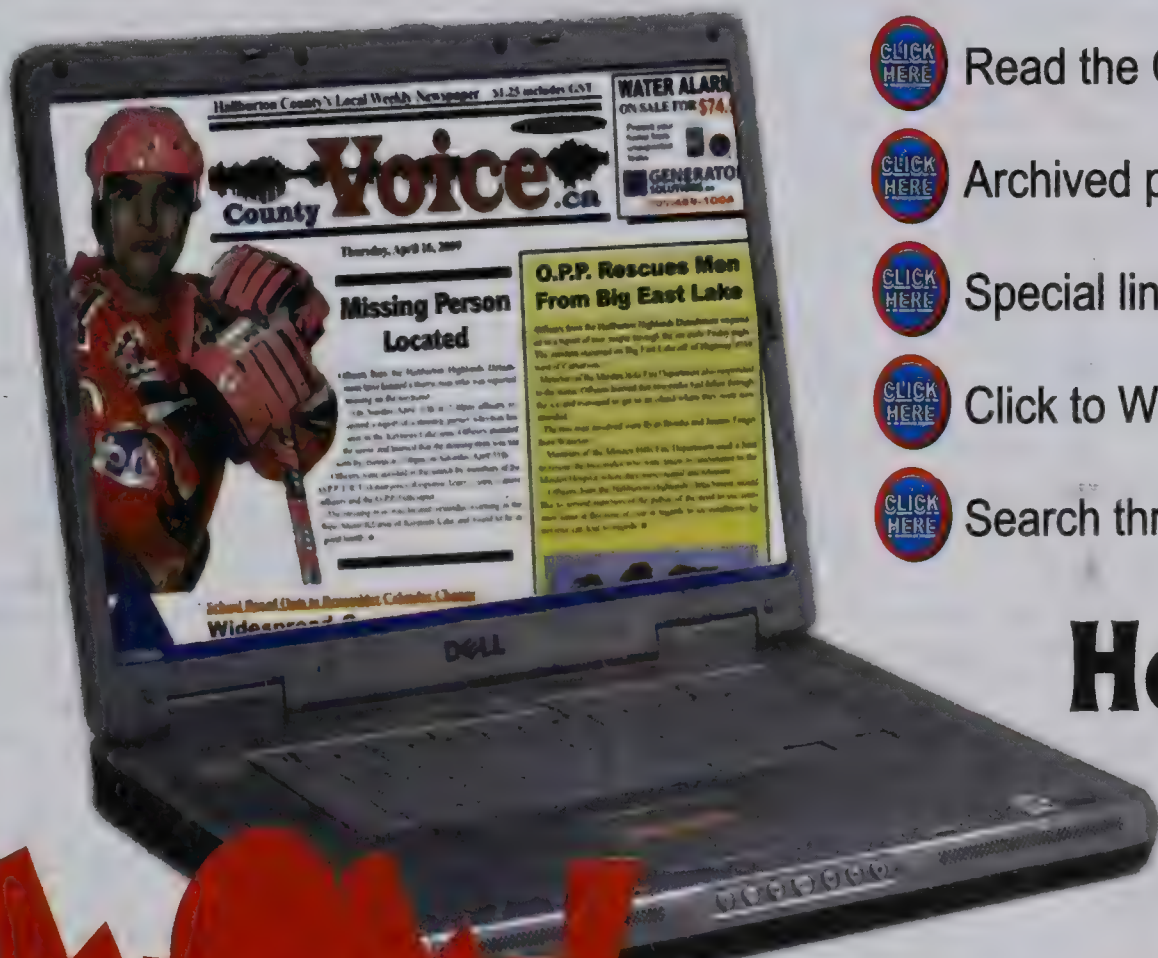
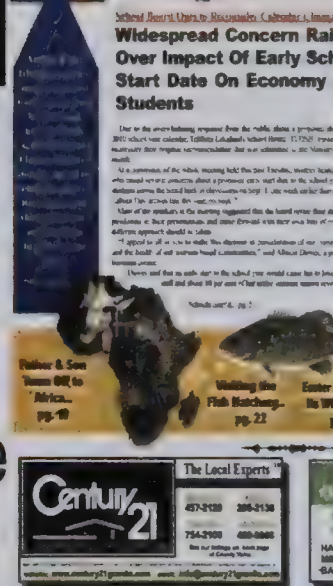
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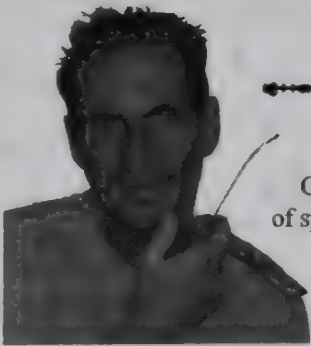
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Soccer to Some ... Redemption for Others

Homeless Team Finds Solace and Strength In 'Footy'



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Chelsea Piers is an elegant piece of sporting property in Manhattan. It's home to an upscale soccer pitch. The last place you'd expect to find a group of homeless men.

But here they are, bedecked in red, facing off against a team of youngish Royal Bank of Canada execs neatly attired in black.

Forget, for the nonce, the obvious metaphor of homeless in red and bankers in black, and remember that this is a sports story — reported in the Sunday edition of the New York Times last week.

But no ordinary sports story.

It's a tale that meanders through the finicky backdrop of an economy in full-blown collapse.

A story that draws us away from the vagaries of petulant pro athletes embroiled in that constant crank with mansion, millions, and muck.

A story that brings us to a field of dreams, where some resonance is found by a team of homeless men.

Resonance that reverberates with the soft punch of Nike foot to leather ball.

The red players all share a common address: 1 Wards Island: a homeless shelter.

The guys in black share a love of fast sleek cars, long Ivy League resumes and Hugo Boss.

At Chelsea Piers the two teams meet on a level playing field.

The soccer pitch: that great leveler.

The men in red are the newest addition to Street Soccer USA, a 16-city network of homeless players formed under the umbrella of Help USA, a national homeless services provider.

Each year SSUSA hosts the Street Soccer USA Cup, where inner city street soccer teams and social service agencies compete for the Street Soccer USA Cup.

There is even a Homeless World Cup. The seventh Annual Homeless World Cup is scheduled for September in Milan.

The league started in 2005 in Charlotte, N.C., and according to the website "oversees the growth and development of a national network of grassroots soccer programs helping the im-

poverished and homeless realize their goals and dreams."

Street Soccer goes on to explain that, "More than 75 percent of participants improve their lives for the better, furthering their education, securing employment and housing, and reconnecting with family."

In cities like Ann Arbor, Austin, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Washington, and now in New York, the program has been lauded for its groundbreaking work.

You don't have to love sports to fall in love with this story.

Of course if you've ever been part of a team, this story will just affirm some of those things you already know.

Team sport has the capacity to rejuvenate a soul, the power to propel heart and the motivational wherewithal to compel a mind to purpose.

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So no surprise here that just several games into the young season, members of the New York Homeless squad are finding their feet, cleaning up, and arriving at some serendipitous fork in the road, where bold meets balance.

Lawrence Cann, 31, once a nationally ranked soccer player at Davidson College, is the innovator behind this Street Soccer project. Cann moved in the fall from Charlotte to New York, and started the team in New York. The Times estimates New York's homeless population at 35,000.

Cann thought New York was due for a team.

From shaky beginnings Cann persevered, and the squad was formed.

Simple rules.

"He declared that anybody who showed up drunk or high would not participate that night (but could return the next week)," Julie Bosman reports in her thoughtful Sunday Times piece. "And between running, passing and shooting, players are expected to talk to the coach about their goals outside soccer, their job searches and their state of mind."

"When I'm out there, I feel like I can't do any wrong," said Dexter Burnett, 47, who played soccer in his native Jamaica. He was laid off last fall from a job as a medical assistant. "It allows me not to think about my situation so much and just relax and enjoy the moment."

The situation at 1 Wards Island is similar to a lot of homeless shelters in Canada and the US.

"You need something to occupy your time around here," said Woods Matthews, 45, a team regular. "That's why people get so mad around the shelter. We don't get any exercise, we're all cooped up, and then people get in fights."

Chelsea Piers, with its state-of-the-art facilities, is among the city's most expensive places to play — \$2,450 per team for 10 games. A lot of corporate players in Manhattan dropped out of the league this season for, yep, financial reasons.

Mr. Cann raised the entry fee, Nike donated equipment, and Chelsea Piers provided matching jerseys, as it does for all the teams that play there.

"If these guys can get out there, feel comfortable talking to new people, and not get frustrated, then it's really going to help them integrate," Mr. Cann said. "Then eventually they'll keep jobs and not get kicked out of their apartments."

It's happening already. Case workers are noting that some troubled clients, now playing soccer, are showing up for appointments, clean and on time. Some players returned home to their families, another got a job.

This New York Homeless team lost their first game, 14-4. The next week, they faced a team from Bloomberg, the financial information company, and dropped that one 11-5.

Cann stresses that the score is irrelevant, compared to what the sport is doing for the young homeless men on the pitch.

But hey.

It's soccer right?

Last week, the Homeless footy squad from 1 Wards Island homeless shelter handed Manhattan's Royal Bank of Canada Gunners a slice of "let 'em eat cake." Final score: Homeless 10 — Gunners 4.

A nice slice of good news from the wacky, wonderful world of sport.

And especially gratifying, if you bank with RBC, and you're a little less than enamored of their monthly service charges or the status of your current mortgage rate.

And nice too for Lawrence Cann, the coach and mentor.

"We really needed a win," said Cann.

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Red Hawk Rugby Squad Faces Some Tough Opposition In Opener

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Two open field runs and the unmarked man.

In rugby, it's not something that happens all that often.

A breakout run, a back, 40 yards, and a scamper unhindered to touch.

Last Thursday, on the Haliburton High pitch, Thomas A Stewart back Dylan Twyman manufactured two of those loose-footed, long, loping runs to score what proved to be the only points in an entertaining early season contest.

Both scores were converted and the Red Hawks lost 14-0.

It was the second straight loss for the Hawks.

And it came on the heels of a 55-0 shellacking versus Adam Scott in Peterborough last Tuesday.

The Red Hawks are taking it in stride.

Sometimes you just gotta' take some lumps.

Hal High co-coach Kevin Ray is philosophical assessing the 0-2 start to the season.

"We knew going in that Adam Scott would be tough," said Ray. Indeed, Adam Scott finished as silver medallists in the OFSAA 'AA' rugby playdowns last season.

A lot of players in Peterborough and Lindsay have been introduced to the game through rep leagues.

Nearly all of the Haliburton players are newcomers to the sport. Some played junior last season.

As they worked out on the practice field on Monday, all three coaches worked close to the ball on every scrum.

They were preparing hard for another home game against Kenner Collegiate on Tuesday afternoon on the Red Hawk pitch.

"It's an important game," said Ray after practice on Monday. The Red Hawks are playing in the toughest section of the Kawartha Zone. All six schools in this division bring some rep league experience to the table.

However, Ray says the coaching staff was buoyed by the 14-0 loss to TAS last week at home.

On four occasions the Red Hawks pushed the ball to within a few yards of the touch line.

"We were close four times, but we just couldn't punch it in, and some of that is experience," said Ray.

Thomas A Stewart raised their record to 3-0, and since each team only plays five games, it's almost imperative that the Hawks come away with a win against Kenner this week.

It's a short season, a round robin format, and that conspires against teams that don't have a solid grounding in the nuance of the game. It's why the Red Hawks go hard in scrum, playing real time, tackling in practice with real game implications.

As Ray says, every game is a learning experience.

Some salvation was conjured from the hat last week though.

The league has changed the playoff arrangement to a friendlier and more inclusive format.

Originally only the top two teams from each division were slated to make the playoffs.



That's been changed, said Ray. Now the top four teams will move on to sudden death, a nice bow to those schools that remain on the hard knife's edge of the learning curve.

Ray said that the playoff format will include a cross over with the first team in this division playing the fourth team in the Cobourg East, Campbellford, Norwood and Port Hope Division.

And that bodes well for the Red Hawks, who are lumped in with some very strong teams that include Adam Scott, Thomas Aquinas, PCVI, Kenner, and TAS.

"The cross over will help the teams in this division because it is the stronger division," said Ray.

Of course that all hinges upon the Red Hawks' ability to rebound from this disappointing 0-2 start and earn some wins.

Something they're hoping to do this week at home versus Kenner.

Next Tuesday they travel to St. Thomas Aquinas. ■

Track and Field Preparing for Kawartha meet

A late spring always conspires to cut into the prep time available to Hal High track athletes.

This week, though, sunshine, warm weather and a dry track allowed a large number of the Red Hawk track and field athletes to get some solid outdoor reps in.

All this in preparation for the upcoming annual Kawartha zone Track and Field meet this year scheduled for Holy Cross High School in Peterborough on Thursday, May 14th.

Walter Tose, Haliburton's throws coach, has been working hard, along with co-coaches Karen Gervais and Paul Morissette to get the athletes ready.

Tose is upbeat about their chances this year.

"We'll be taking about 60 kids to the Kawartha meet this year," said Tose.

The Red Hawks traveled to the Investors Group Meet in Midland last week.

Christianna Walker won the senior girls 400 meter low hurdles, drifting to the win in 1:08, a full four seconds ahead of her nearest rival.

Walker is also involved in senior discus and the 100 meter low hurdles, and will run in some relays as well.

Last year's OFSAA finalist Drew Paul, who competes in the 100 hurdles in addition to the 100 and 200 meters, only ran in the 100 last week. He's been involved in badminton playdowns and hasn't had a chance to train on a regular basis.

The coaches said that he should be ready for the Kawarthas.

Tose said that it gave some of the athletes a chance to ease into a competitive stride.

However, none of the relay teams, coached by Gervais, competed and that lack of real time competition is disappointing, because Gervais says that while practice is good, relay teams thrive in the milieu of a competitive track meet.

Both Tose and Gervais think that the Red Hawks bring a strong and confident group to the relay events this season.

After that Tose says that the top eight competitors in each event move on to the COSSAs - hosted again by Holy Cross - on Thursday, April 21st.

He's hoping that a good majority of the 60 Red Hawks will eventually move on to the COSSAs.

This year's Eastern Ontario Meet will be hosted by Thousand Islands Secondary School on May 20-21 in Brockville.

Like last year, Tose and Gervais are hoping to have a key core of athletes moving onto the Eastern Ontarios.

Badminton

The senior badminton team of Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul placed third in men's doubles at COSSA on Tuesday, April 28th.

Soccer

The Red Hawk junior girls' soccer team dropped a close 2-0 decision to Lindsay Collegiate last Wednesday (Apr. 29). Special shout outs to Grace Diezel, Jenna Dibblee, and Tara O'Sullivan who played very well in the game.

Lindsay beat the Red Hawk seniors 4-0. DAP and honourable mention going out to Kirsi Parnoja, Megan MacDuff, and Maddi Watson.

Upcoming Events:

The senior and junior girls soccer teams play host to St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday May 8. Games start at 3 pm.

On Monday May 11th the girls soccer teams host IE Weldon. Games begin at 3 pm.

Rugby hosts PCVS at the Red Hawk pitch on May 15th. Game time is 3 pm. ■



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Duchene Scores Another Game Winner To Make it a Series Hodgson Named OHL Player of the Year

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

The Brampton Battalion didn't exactly bring their A-Game into Windsor last Thursday night.

The Battalion — who have been led all season by the Haliburton Highlands duo of Cody Hodgson and Matthew Duchene — lost 10-1 in game one of their OHL best-of-seven championship series against the Windsor Spitfires.

An aberration?

Well, considering that they lost a second straight game 5-3 to the Spitfires at home in Brampton on Saturday, even the most sincere of Troop followers could have been forgiven for placing a "do not resuscitate" banner above the headboard of the flagging Battalion.

After all, the Spitfires, ranked number one, and the OHL's best team on paper all year long, possess a huge contingent of bona fide "stars on ice."

Taylor Hall, Ryan Ellis, Eric Wellwood, Greg Nemisz, and Dale Mitchell anchor this team, but the Spitfires also possess a large and inspired supporting cast. It's a team that's strong from lines one to four, and a team deep down the middle, and right back to the crease.

In those first two games, the Windsor Spitfires also displayed a knack for doing what few OHL teams to this point have been able to do: namely, silence the Battalions' big guns. In games one and two the Spitfires nullified Brampton's two top lines, centered by Hodgson and Duchene.

However, last Monday, with a season of excellence on the line,

the Battalion reached back into that depth of resolve, and painted a portrait, brush strokes against a backdrop of a must-win on the road. They jumped into a 3-0 lead and held on to win 4-2, dragging life from moribund depths.

Hodgson and Duchene each scored a goal and an assist in the game. Duchene's second period goal, which put the Battalion up 3-0 in the middle frame, lodged as the winner — Hall scored a pair to make it close. That game winning goal was Duchene's 6th in the playoffs. The six game winners is, simply put, a remarkable playoff performance for this young man from Haliburton. Anthony Peluso and Jason Dale added the other Troop tallies.

The sigh of relief, from the beleaguered and formerly shell-shocked Battalion, exhaled all the way to the rafters when the final horn sounded last Monday. The Battalion headed home with new life, and perhaps a glimmering of a notion that Windsor can be had.

But no one, as the Troops head home and gird for game four on Wednesday, is labeling Monday's win as a series changer. It's an extender, and a

lifeline, no doubt, but the Battalion knew coming in that they were the underdogs, and nothing has surfaced to change that perception — just yet.

A win in Brampton on Wednesday night could shake things up though.

Head coach and GM Stan Butler who, with the retirement of former Ottawa 67s coach Brian Kilrea is the new dean of OHL coaches, said that it took a solid effort to rebound after dropping those first two games to the Spitfires.

"I have to give our guys a lot of credit," said Butler on battalion.com. "We came in here against a very good hockey team. We just said to our guys, 'Our backs are against the wall, and we can do two things. We can get farther into the wall, or we can push back.'"

The Battalion shook some lines up in the contest. Hodgson centered Evgeny Grachev and Dale, while Duchene played between Matt Kang and Peluso.

Peluso had been skating with Grachev and Hodgson, but Butler has been experimenting with some karma vis-à-vis his lines and it seemed to pay dividends on Monday. Seemed to work. Both Duchene and Hodgson are malleable and talented enough to conform to changes in the script on the fly. It's why they remain the go to guys on this team.

Hodgson became the Battalion's career playoff scoring leader on Monday night. He has 16 goals and 23 assists for 39 points in 28 games. He broke the record held by Wojtek Wolski, who had 19 goals and as many assists for 38 points in 40 games.

Duchene leads the league in playoff game-winning goals and also holds the Battalion record in the same category.

Midst the hoopla of the playoffs, Hodgson claimed yet another honor.

On April 29th Hodgson won the Red Tilson Trophy as the Ontario Hockey League's Most Outstanding Player.

In an interview outside the Hockey Hall of Fame, Hodgson told Canadian Press that, "It's a real honor and something I didn't really expect."

In fact, rife speculation had the London Knights John Tavares winning the award. However, on the basis of clutch numbers, two way play, and overall team input most insiders agree that Hodgson had to

get the nod over the highly touted Tavares.

Hodgson led the Battalion with 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points in a season — shortened to 53 games after a stint at the Vancouver Canucks training camp — and he also led Canada to Gold in the World Junior Championships.

Butler said that Hodgson's maturity and jack-of-all-trades discipline made him a logical choice.

"We're very happy for Cody," said Butler. "There are so many things he brings to a hockey team that you don't see on the ice. He's the kind of player that will score a big goal on the power play and also win the big face-off on a penalty kill. He thrives on playing against the best players, and there's no challenge that is too big for him."

Hodgson said it was a thrill and an honor.

"I look at the past players who have won and hope I can represent the OHL like so many of the players who have come before me," said Hodgson, adding, "I've really enjoyed my three seasons in the OHL. It's the best developmental league out there. It has a great professional atmosphere."

Hodgson is the second Battalion player to win the award, with Wolski who was honored in 2005-06. They both received the William Hanley Trophy as the OHL's Most Sportsmanlike Player — Hodgson this year and Wolski in 2006.

"I've really enjoyed playing with the Battalion this season," said Hodgson, who is not done yet. "We have a great bunch of guys, and I love coming to the rink each day."

That win on Monday, means that the Battalion will still be coming to the rink for at least another two nights.

The Battalion played at home on Wednesday at 7 pm and will return to action on Friday in Windsor at 7:05 pm. ■



THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ALLSAW BRIDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

The County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that the County is considering improvements to the site of Allsaw Bridge located on County Road 21, 0.30 km East of Blairhampton Road. The bridge is located over the narrows between Soyers and Kashagawigamog Lakes in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton.

The existing bridge structure constructed in 1959, has been identified as being structurally deficient with respect to the existing barrier protection as it does not meet the current code. The condition of the steel coating, wear surface, concrete deck and fascias are poor and the guide rail protection requires replacement. Other localized areas of concrete are deteriorated and the bridge is in need of rehabilitation.

After a preliminary review of options to do nothing, rehabilitate the existing bridge or replace the existing bridge, the County of Haliburton has concluded that the recommended solution to remedy the identified needs is to rehabilitate the existing bridge.

This project is initially being conducted as a Schedule B activity in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000 as amended in November 2007).

In accordance with this document, public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project.

Public comment will be received until June 5, 2009, by the County of Haliburton or the Consulting Engineer for the project at the addresses listed below.

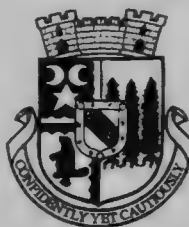
Subject to comments received and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project to be completed in 2009.

This Notice issued May 5, 2009.

For further information concerning this project or to inspect a copy of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document and/or Preliminary Study Report, please contact:

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Municipality of Dysart et al

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Haliburton Lake Road Ditching Tender

The Municipality of Dysart et al is considering work that consists of 2,225 linear meters of ditching on Haliburton Lake Road in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Haliburton Lake Road Culvert Replacement Tender

The Municipality of Dysart et al is considering work that consists of the replacement of 27 culverts of varying sizes on Haliburton Lake Road in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Specifications and blank authorization and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario, or Telephone: (705) 457-1740.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

This work is conditional on funding. Accordingly tender results will be considered once funding is announced. Lowest or any quotation not necessarily accepted.

Going for Gold

Municipalities Settle on Building Canada & Stimulus Projects

Over the past several weeks each of the Municipalities in the County have been madly scrambling to get their Building Canada fund (BCF) applications ready for the second intake. Each municipality has held a special meeting during this time frame and have finally settled on the projects that they feel best suit their needs and their budgets.

While not all of the municipalities took full advantage of the opportunity, each was eligible to apply for one project under the Communities Component of BCF and three projects under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

With the creation of their Stimulus Fund, the federal and provincial governments accelerated their investment in municipalities, hoping to foster a competitive advantage that attracts businesses and create jobs quickly. Seeking 'shovel ready' projects, BCF only gave municipalities two weeks' notice of the deadline for submissions, creating a very real challenge for Councils to prepare for an opportunity that will likely not be available to them again when infrastructure monies start to dry up and upper levels of government are faced with having to resolve their own deficits.

Algonquin Highlands went through the most in depth process and has decided to go for the gold with gusto.

At a special meeting last Wednesday, the Council met with each of their department heads and other support staff to review their options. Although the Council had reached some conclusions on the projects they wanted to pursue, staff were tasked with preparing submissions, checking the practicality of projects and providing cost estimates.

Algonquin Highlands had already decided to pursue hard surfacing of all of their gravel roads. The Municipality's Manager of Operations, Brian Whetstone provided several options to Council along with the financial impact to the municipality over the next few years. After considerable discussion Council agreed they would pursue funding to hard surface 54 kilometres of gravel roads at an estimated cost to the municipality of \$1.2 million dollars (total project cost over \$3.6 million).

Algonquin Highlands will be applying to install emergency back-up power generation in all of their major facilities at an estimated total cost of \$220,000. This project has been beefed up since Council's original decision to install a generator solely at their Municipal Office, but emergency preparedness initiatives qualify for infrastructure funding and it seemed to Council a good opportunity to prepare for extended power outages.

The other two applications include rehabilitating the McClintock Lagoon at a total project cost of \$150,000 and (under the BCF Communities Component) building an outdoor rink and multi-purpose court in Stanhope at an estimated total cost of \$150,000 which would include a prefabricated building for water/sewer services, change rooms and/or storage.

Dysart et al held a special meeting last Friday afternoon and

authorized the submission of an application for funding under the BCF Communities Component for the Haliburton Village Downtown Streetscape project. The total cost of the project (with Dysart being responsible for one third) is estimated at \$2,870,198.

At their regular Council meeting last Thursday, the Minden Hills Council authorized the submission of two applications. Their first priority was the completion of Phase 1 of the Riverwalk project (both sides of the Gull River) which includes completion of the 'boardwalk' phase from the Riverwalk Pathway along the Gull River, through Township property to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

This application will also include a floating bridge from Orde Street to Peck Street to accommodate snowmobile traffic in the winter and upgrading of buildings at the Cultural Centre. The project is estimated to cost just under \$1.5 million dollars.

The second application that will be submitted by Minden Hills was for reconstruction of Bobcaygeon Road from Highway 35 to the Sunnybrook Bridge. The project will include replacement of sanitary sewer and water mains from McKnight Drive to Peck Street and north on Peck Street (to serve the west side of downtown merchants on Bobcaygeon Road) and continuation from Peck Street via Bobcaygeon Road along Newcastle Street to Highway 35. This work will include the streetscape outlined in the Communities in Action - Active Transportation Plan and reconstruction of sidewalks as required.

The Minden Hills Council did not discuss financing during the meeting. CAO Gerry Morrison advised Council that the Treasurer would provide financing options at their next Committee of the Whole meeting in May. Both project submissions will be made under the Stimulus Funding umbrella.

The Highlands East Council followed the simplest path at their special meeting on April 28th and in discussion with their Roads Superintendent, Barry Dunford, they agreed to submit an application to reconstruct 9 kilometres of Hadlington Road starting from its intersection with Highway 118. The total project cost is estimated at \$750,000.

So now the wait begins for the federal and provincial governments to announce the successful applications and the general feeling is that the turnaround response time will only take a matter of weeks to allow maximum use of the upcoming construction season. ■

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENT

PAUL WILSON SURVEYING LTD. has sold the general surveying component of its business to MATTHEWS, CAMERON, HEYWOOD - KERRY T. HOWE SURVEYING LTD., as of May 1st, 2009.

The new owners will be operating their survey business under the name of 'PAUL WILSON SURVEYING' (a division of MATTHEWS, CAMERON, HEYWOOD - KERRY T. HOWE SURVEYING LTD.) and will be located in the former offices of PAUL WILSON SURVEYING LTD. at 13321 Highway 118 in Haliburton and at 3 Newcastle Street in Minden (Consultation office only).

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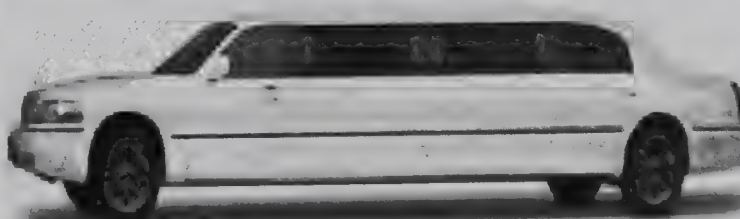
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "Jack" and I have been married 15 years. We have a 10-year-old son, "Cody," who has special needs. Since we first began exploring a diagnosis for our son, I have encouraged Jack to educate himself on the condition. At one point, Jack told me he wasn't interested.

He seldom accompanies us to therapy, although he has taken Cody when I have been sick. We recently had a medical emergency because Jack didn't know what medication Cody was supposed to take. I keep the information written on a list close to the supply cabinet, but he ignored it.

I have long been frustrated by Jack's lack of interest in our son's care. He accepts no responsibility when it comes to discipline, therapy or even personal care tasks.

I will soon be starting a new career, and I'm afraid about Cody's care in my absence. If I broach the subject with Jack, he says I don't give him credit for what he does do. (That's his usual response for anything I try to discuss with him.) We have tried family counseling, which helped only temporarily. Should we go back? I am really at a loss. -- DESPAIRING IN OHIO

DEAR DESPAIRING: Your husband does not appear to have fully accepted that his son is different from other children. That would explain his lack of desire to learn about Cody's condition and his refusal to help with discipline, therapy, personal care or medications. You have my sympathy because you not only have your son to deal with, you have also had to compensate for your husband's retreat into denial.

A return to family counseling might be helpful. However, because you have reason to question the quality of care your son will receive in your absence, the funds might be better spent in finding responsible day care for your boy.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL.

On May 11, 1976, the long-running TV medical drama "Marcus Welby, M.D." ends. The show, which premiered in 1969, was ABC's first No. 1 rated series.

On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. Sound films had not yet debuted, and the broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

On May 13, 1985, in Philadelphia, police begin evacuating people from their Osage Avenue homes in order to prepare for an operation against MOVE, a radical cult group that had assembled a large arsenal. By the end of the confrontation, 11 people were dead and 61 homes had burned down. In 1986, a jury awarded \$1.5 million to three survivors of the MOVE raid.

On May 14, 1913, pitcher Walter "The Big Train" Johnson throws his record 56th consecutive scoreless inning, leading his Washington Senators to victory over the St. Louis Browns, 10-5, at Sportsman's Park.

On May 15, 1941, the jet-propelled Gloster-Whittle E 28/39 aircraft flies successfully over Cranwell, England, in the first test of an Allied aircraft using jet propulsion. Its turbojet engine, which produced a powerful thrust of hot air, was devised by Frank Whittle, an English aviation engineer and pilot generally regarded as the father of the jet engine.

On May 16, 1849, the New York City Board of Health is finally able to establish a hospital to deal with a cholera epidemic that, before it ends, kills more than 5,000 people. The epidemic began in Dec. 1, 1848, when a shipload of passengers arrived from France. On board were the bodies of seven passengers who had died from cholera on the journey.

On May 17, 1930, the radio quiz show "Information Please" is first broadcast. Previously, radio quiz shows generally posed difficult questions to ordinary people. "Information Please" assembled a panel of experts and intellectuals and asked them tricky questions. The show ran until 1948.

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For week of May 11/09

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your determination to stick with your principles wins the admiration of everyone who knows you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good week to look at healing bruised feelings and re-establishing weakened relationships. It's also a good week to start new projects and make new job-linked contacts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Music and art dominate the week, giving the sensual Bovine a lot to appreciate. On the practical side, deal firmly, but fairly, with those who might try to undermine your work efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good feelings continue to flow from your recent efforts to reconnect with family and friends. But be ready to defuse a dispute before it can disrupt all that peace and harmony.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A practical view of a romanticized situation could help to clarify some of its more confusing aspects before you make a decision that could be tough to undo later on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Pay more attention to what a recent spate of workplace criticism might say about your performance and not what you think it implies about you personally. Some flexibility might be called for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With new information, and new promises of support (not to mention growing self-confidence), this could be a good time to restart a project you couldn't quite handle before.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Before you decide to close down a problem-loaded project and make a fresh start with someone else, try once more to reach a compromise with your balky partner. He or she might surprise you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While you continue earning points for your sharp negotiating skills, be alert for an attempt to undercut your efforts. You'll need to provide solid facts and figures to stay in the game.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A minor health problem might cause you to ease up on your usually busy schedule. But you'll soon be back in the saddle and ready to pick up the reins and charge ahead.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The adventurous Sea Goat might be eager to take on a new challenge. But before you do, you might want to take some time to check out previously overlooked factors.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A feeling of being overwhelmed by all that you have to do can be eased by setting priorities. Deal with the most urgent and time-sensitive situations first, and then work down the line.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Creating a calm, peaceful place for yourself in the middle of a roiling emotional whirlpool this week starts when you, and no one else, decide how to make decisions about your life.

2nd Annual Haliburton County Warden's Breakfast

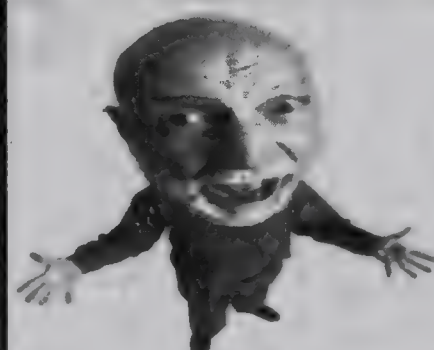
You are cordially invited to attend the County of Haliburton's 2nd Annual Warden's Breakfast which will be held May 15th, 2009 at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre 7:30 am-9:30 am. Join Warden Dave Burton who will provide an update on matters of interest in Haliburton County, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson who will be making a major announcement for Haliburton County at the Breakfast and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Barry Devolin.

Contact Bethany Mawbey at (705) 286-13333 or bmawbey@county.haliburton.on.ca to reserve your place, seating is limited.

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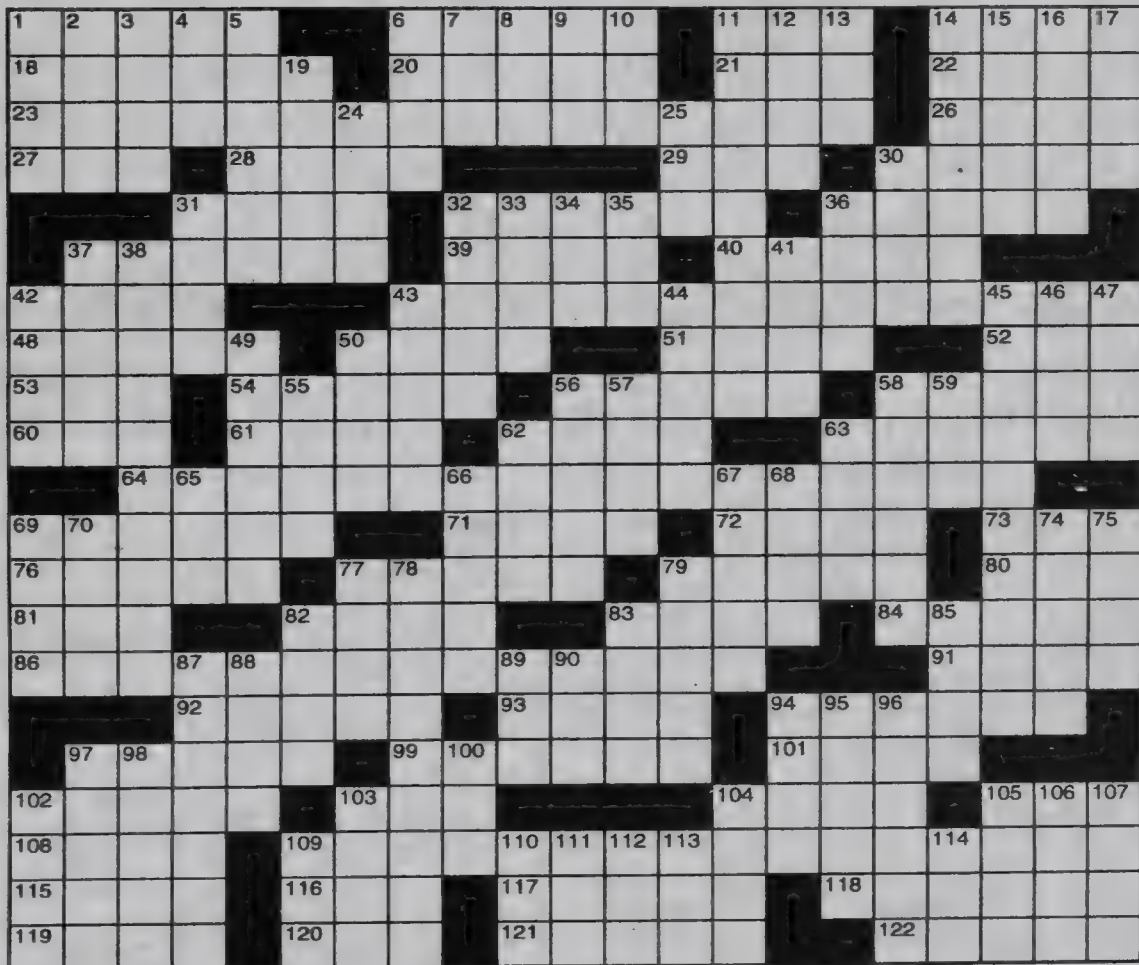
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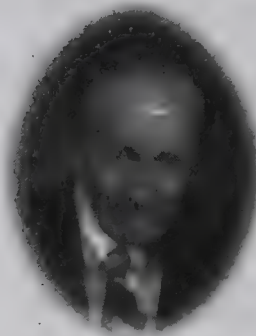
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DEATH NOTICES

George Vincent (Vince) Tomlinson

(Resident of Huntsville, Ontario)



July 30, 1914 - April 22, 2009.

Passed away at the age of 94.
Predeceased by parents, Charles
and Ethel. Loving husband of
Ethel Bernice. Dear father of Joy
Yvonne Tomlinson, Judy Tomlin-
son Ross (Ernie), Jewell Clarke
(Alan). Cherished grandfather
to Kimberly Gauweiller (Dave),
Christopher Clarke (Jaquie Colin),
and James Clarke. Great Grand-
father to Charlotte Clarke and Mary

Clarke. George worked as a Refrigeration Engineer and was
an avid Ham Radio Operator VE3 BE2. Funeral Service was
held at Billingsley Funeral Home, Huntsville, Pastor Darrell
Baker officiating. Memorial gifts should be sent to Gideons
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Jack Teatro

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



At Peterborough Re-
gional Health Centre
on Tuesday evening,
April 28, 2009 in his
68th year. Beloved
husband of Sue Gal-
lant. Loving father
of Lisa, Jamie and
Jeffery (Laurie). Lov-

ing grandfather of many grandchildren and great grand-
children. Dear brother of Shirley (Lloyd) of Lindsay, Bill
(Vera) of Oshawa, Carol (Gus) and Bonnie (Sam) all of
Haliburton. Dear son of Muriel Teatro. Predeceased by
his father "Duke" (Vincent) and his brother David. Also
lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Gail of Keswick
and many nieces and nephews. (Haliburton Community
Funeral Home)

Charles McCarthy

Oct. 3, 1928 - Apr. 28, 2009



Predeceased

by parents, Mathias and Minnie Mc-
Carthy, by brothers Desmond and Jus-
tin, and by sisters Mai and Barbara.

Sadly missed by his wife of 50 plus
years, Noreen (nee McRitchie) and
by his children Sandra (Anita), Patri-
cia (David), Barbara (David), Mathew
(Carolyn) and also by their families.

Cremation has taken place. In Lieu
of flowers, memorial donations to the
Heart and Stroke Foundation. (Monk's Funeral Home)

David Wood

(Resident of Toronto, Ontario,
Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday
morning, April 29, 2009 at his resi-
dence in his 43rd year. Beloved son
of Wendell and the late Norma Wood.
Cherished father of MacKenzie. Lov-
ing brother of Deborah (Brian Swan-
son) of Minden and Diane (Fred) of
Kincardine, New Brunswick. Also
lovingly remembered by his neph-
ews Justin, Avery, Matthew, Chris-
tian and neices Jennie and Amanda
(predeceased).

(Haliburton Community Funeral Home)

Fredrick Knight

(World War II Veteran, Past President of both Royal Cana-
dian Legions # 441 Kinmount and #129 Haliburton, and a
current member of the Royal Cana-
dian Legion #636 Minden)



Passed away peacefully at the Ross
Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Fri-
day, May 1, 2009. In his 87th year.

Beloved husband of Marie Claire
Knight (nee Barber) (1982). Survived
by his sons Roy M. and his wife Cath-
arine, John L. and his wife Lynda, by
his grandchildren William (Joanne),
Kristina, Jeffery (Angela), by his great

grandchildren Samantha and Mathew, and by his sister Helen
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Thank You

Thank You

The family of the late Iris Adamson wish to thank everyone for the kindness and support at our time of loss. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, e-mails and phone calls and for food, flowers and memorial donations.

Thanks to the caring staff at Hyland Crest and the emergency doctors at the Minden Hospital for making mom more comfortable.

Thank you to Merv Everall for performing the service and to Kristen Monk and all the staff at The Gord Monk Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate help. Also, thanks to Irene Moxam and the ladies of the U.C.W. for the lovely luncheon after the service.

Again, thank you to our many caring friends.

Sincerely,
Diane Booth & Families

The Family of Peter McNeilage

would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to the many people for their kind words and generosity during Peter's illness and passing. The cards, food, flowers, memorial donations and kindness were all appreciated and will not be forgotten. Thank you for the phone calls, memories, and offers of help from everyone. Our appreciation goes to Barry and Kirsten of Monk's Funeral Home for making things a little easier, and as comfortable as possible.

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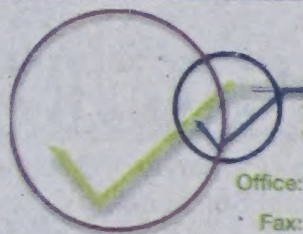
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Audrey Beck

Eric Walters A Peripatetic Wielder Of Words, And Hard Wisdom Renowned Author Stops By JD Hodgson To Spread The Good Word On Reading

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

The bad news?

Canadian kids are finding less solace through reading, and more gratification through cellphones, interactive websites, and television these days.

The good news?

Eric Walters is on the case.

So who's Eric Walters?

Well, that's a question that can't be answered in one quick flip, gyp, juke, and jive. Call him a guru for learning.

Walters, a renowned children's author, former teacher, basketball coach, philanthropist, and grief counselor was at JD Hodgson last Monday night, part of a comprehensive tour of local schools sponsored by the Trillium Lakelands School Board.

His message is simple. Kids need to read.

We are losing literacy, and it's time to shake some trees.

Walters has been shaking trees since 1993. It's the best way to jangle those fruits of learning from the vine, dontcha' know.

In 1993 Walters found himself in front of a class, the new kid on the block, a rookie teacher who, according to long practice, had inherited a group of rowdy, boisterous kids, most of them boys, and all branded as underachievers, troublemakers, or worse.

"I was the new teacher," Walters tells the assembled group of 50 or so parents, teachers and JD Hodgson students gathered in the gym. "And they gave me every kid that no one else wanted."

The words come in spurts, the voice rises and falls with an eclectic imprecision. This is a fine-tuned, meticulously honed presentation, but Walters is careful to include all of the kids through interaction and direct eye contact in the course of his talk.

That first class was tough, says Walters. They were streetwise, free from constraint, with the attendant baggage that always seems to accompany so-called "problem kids."

He stops and looks over the sea of faces.

"One kid came up to me one day, and told me, 'Y'know Mr. Walters, a bunch of us got together, and we decided that if we all jumped you together, we could beat the crap out of you,' and I looked at him and I said, 'yeah maybe, but I'd make sure that I'd get you first.'"

Somewhere in that exuberance, that bravado and that streetwise trash talk, Walters says he found common links, a bond and a cause. He says he grew up in similar circumstances. Playing hoops, running with gangs, and growing up on some of the plain mean streets of the GTA. So he could relate on some visceral level to this brood of "undesirables."

He calls that class "reluctant readers" but in fact they were not reading at all.

From that sea of self-imposed illiteracy, an idea bubbled. Include the students in a book. Get them involved. Use the streets, the classroom, their own experiences, and their lives to tell a story.

His first novel, 'Stand Your Ground' was created for this class. It's set in the school where Eric was teaching, Vista Heights Public School, and some of the features of the community of Streetsville and many of the names of his students were incorporated into the story.

It got his "underachieving" kids involved in a project. Loose cannons turned into heroes on those magic pages. The connotation of the "short bus" took on a new relevancy. Horizons stretched and stereotypes fizzled on the hard pointed spike of the printed word.

But it did much more than that, says Walters.

It got his kids reading. It fostered a glowing ember that sparked to a flame. When he appeared before his class the following year, his kids asked him: "So what are we going to write about this year, Mr. Walters?"

Characters jumped to life from his "classroom of losers" to the page.

Since that first book, and that first class back in 1993, Walters has gone on to write another 62 novels aimed specifically at the kids' market. He quit teaching four years ago to pursue writing, but he still works part-time working with social services, doing counseling at area hospitals - using a degree in psychology garnered before he started teaching - and running a philanthropic organization - called the Creation of Hope - that offers help and support to African causes with special emphasis on Kenya.

Today the Creation of Hope Project provides direct support, education, advocacy, micro-grants and micro-loans for children and their extended families throughout the region, who are living at risk and on the edge. He gets school children in Canada involved in advocacy and he makes sure that every dollar raised goes to the charity.

He has written a book about the Rwandan genocide, a book he wrote with the help of General Romeo D'Allaire, the Canadian soldier who would not yield to callous worldwide indifference and the killing of innocents in Africa. He says that kids have to be aware of such things. The kids, after all, are the vanguard of change. They should be taught that the human race, world affairs and the news runs deeper than Brittany, Simon Cowell and The Simpsons.

Walters also published a book on Terry Fox, who he calls a true Canadian hero. Proceeds from book sales go to the Terry Fox Foundation. That spurred the Terry Fox Run. With Walters spearheading the campaign, the foundation also launched a massive effort to persuade schools across the country to become involved in this annual event. In 2004 there were 4,800 schools across Canada who hosted an event. In 2005 over 10,300 schools, more than 3.5 million students ran for Terry.

Walters brings his passion like a freight train on steroids. He's branched out, writing books that appeal to an ever-widening audience. He shoots from the hip. He loves Canada. He tells the audience that we don't know enough about our champions. Like D'Allaire; and Terry Fox. "This is the best country in the world, yet we don't celebrate our heroes," says Walters.

He quotes studies that maintains large majority of boys stop reading in grades 5, 6 and 7 because the activity is considered to be girl stuff. Boys need an active "reading male role model" in their life, says Walters.

"Take time to read with your kids," smiles Walters.

Make some deals if you have to.

After supper, present your kids with reading options, he says.

"Tell them they have a choice," says Walters. "I'll do the dishes and clean up while you read to me ... or you do the dishes while I read to you."

He speaks passionately to the kids, to the parents and to the teachers gathered in the gym at JD Hodgson.

Part preacher, part teacher, part reading evangelist, Walters' message is seminally clear.

Kids need role models. And the more the merrier.

Kids need to read.

It's our job to foster a milieu where reading is regarded as a bridge to a better life.

On his website Walters recounts a poignant story.

"I was doing a school presentation, and a teacher said, 'You probably don't remember me, but maybe you recall my son, Scott. He was in your class when you wrote Stand Your Ground. He hated reading until you started that book, and now he's in his OAC year.'"

Success in stuttered steps. Teach a kid to read, and that kid will succeed.

Part of Walters' special charm is an innate ability to reach out and drive passion through a room with the uninhibited effervescence of a wrecking ball. Or a jackhammer.

No subtlety here, as Walters roams the floor in front of his audience.

Like his forays on the court in ad hoc one-on-one sessions, with former Raptors basketball player Jerome "Junk Yard Dog" Williams - with whom he has co-authored several basketball books - Eric Walters is a "no harm, no foul" kinda' guy.

He cajoles the kids in the audience to get involved in the game.

He tells the kids to write.

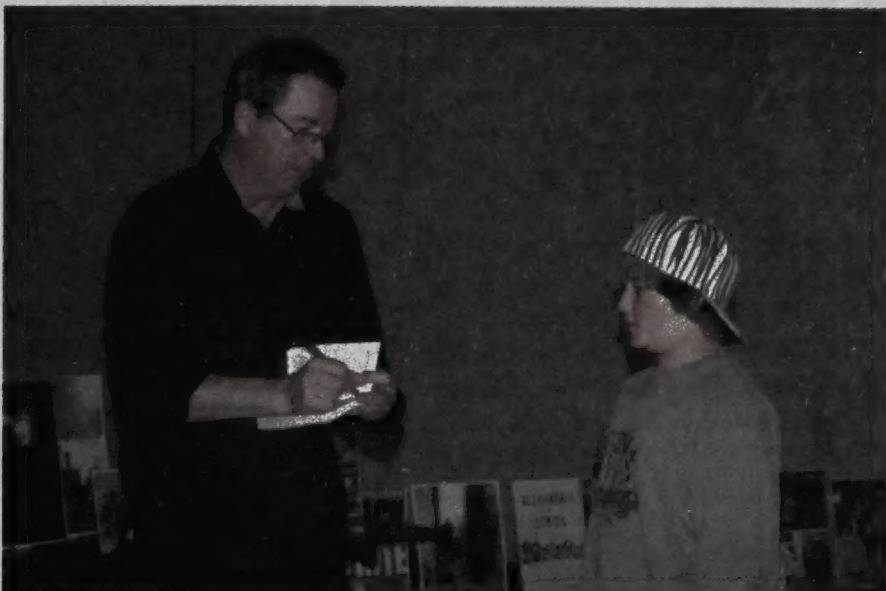
"Talk to you parents, ask them about their most embarrassing moment," chuckles Walters.

"Write what you know."

The message is clear.

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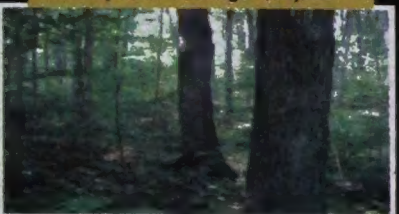
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10.9 acres with mature hardwood forest, year round access, hydro and phone to property. Great view of White Lake and access via 66 foot road allowance.
 Erin Nicholls 457-2128

Privacy & Tranquility \$299,900



3 BR on level lot. 275 feet frontage on quiet lake limited to electric motors. Sand beach. Cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, walkout deck. Pine "Haliburton" room.
 John Hincks 286-2138

New and Improved! - 189,900



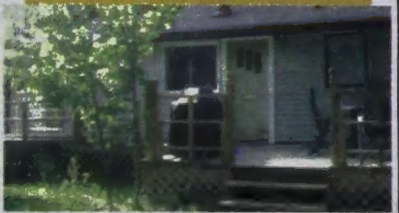
Cute cottage in quiet inlet on Minden Lake with sandy bottom, great fishing and beautiful rapids. Southern exp. New dbl capacity septic & power line. Close to town.
 Kristin Withey 286-2138

Eagle Lake: \$459,900



Beautiful Eagle Lake, 3 Bedroom cottage, bunkie, double garage, sunset exposure, comes complete for year round fun. Close to Sir Sam's.
 Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Sharon Lake \$199,900



Cosy 2 BR on no-motor lake. Original pine plank flooring, new pine ceilings and over 400sq. ft. of decking. End of road location and 5 acre lot provides privacy.
 Anne Moulton - 286-2128

Mountain Lake Beauty \$579,900



Incredible large 4 BR brick home, too many features & upgrades to list. Over 3 acres of very private & beautifully landscaped lot. Includes Barn & dbl garage.
 Andrew Hodgson - 286-2128

Family Starter Cottage \$259,000



A great way to start cottage life. 4 bdrm cottage on flat lot offers sandy beach @ front deck. Nicely treed lot, quiet smaller lake. Yr rnd rd allows for skiing & snowmobiling.
 Dagmar Boettcher - 286-2138

Live, Work and Play



Profitable general store and so much more. Totally turn key operation, golf park, great reputation and comfortable home.
 Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Custom Built Cottage \$894,900



Immaculate Custom Built Executive Cottage with 100 ft of prime waterfront. 2,300 sqft. 4 BR, 23 ft. vaulted ceiling, granite FP, dbl garage & more. Yr rnd rd & South exp.
 Wilf VanLieshout - 457-2128

Recently Renovated! \$184,900



3 BR home, large kitchen, hardwood floors, stone f/p, large rec room could be 4th bed, w/attached single car garage, walk to all the amenities of Haliburton.
 Greg Stamp 457-2128

Welcome Home! \$999,000



Fabulous level lot, sand shoreline, sunset exposure, stunning 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with fireplace, gourmet kitchen and 2 storey, triple car garage.
 Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Bungalow \$184,900



3 BR bungalow with 8 x 16 bunkie, overlooking 15 acre pond very private 2.5 acre lot just min to Haliburton Village.
 Paul Szpik - 457-2128

Natural Wonder \$279,900



Super 3 BR cottage on Trooper Lake. Very private, nice sand shoreline & deep water off dock. New winter water system. Yr rnd pvt rd.
 Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

4 Acre Building Lot \$39,900



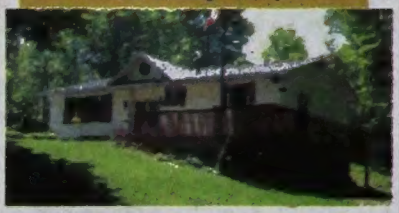
Build your dream home with SW views overlooking the pond & surrounding hills. Abuts 100s of acres of crown land. Driveway & drilled well are in.
 Mark Dennys 457-2128

Drag Lake \$398,000



Outstanding 1.7 acre south facing point lot with 140 ft waterfront and 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, three season cottage.
 Lee Gauthier 489-9969

Private Setting \$187,500



3+ BR & 2+ bath bungalow with finished rec. room & walkout. Lots of decking & screened in sun room, on 2+ acres. Close to Sir Sams & swimming area.
 Drew Bishop 457-2128

Moore Lake Cottage \$469,000

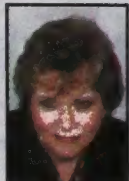


Level, well treed lot. Turn key, offering a boat house, pine interior, heart shape jacuzzi master ensuite, stone fireplace. Spacious & renovated.
 Janice Brookes 457-2128

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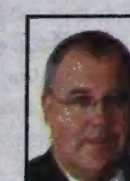
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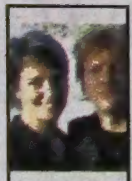
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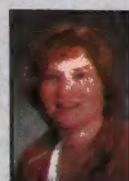
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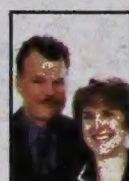
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